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## Editors' Note

Yo its DJ Phat AI and Mix Master Nhu  
Laying Down dope rhymes, doing the do  
So we can happily introduce to you  
The brand spanking new Argo crew.  
First things first, I'm Big AI the Phenomenon  
And I've been known to spit my game off  
and on and on.  
When I used to edit News articles they  
called me the Don,  
But now its time to turn my EIC swag on.  
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dence.  
If you mess with this Nhu girl, get ready for a  
consequence,  
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press Xiao  
Are gonna be as hardworking as Zedong  
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Editors in Chief

## Mo' Hours, Mo' Problems

By SYLVIE STOLOFF, IV &  
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Wondering why all your teachers have been wearing blue Boston Teachers Union (BTU) shirts? A recent proposal to extend Boston Public School school days has sparked much debate between the BTU and the School Department, which explains the appearance of many teachers in blue Union T-shirts. Superintendent Carol Johnson has proposed that an additional 30-45 minutes be added to each school day to help bridge the achievement gap and provide students with more opportunities. In a speech delivered on October 25, 2011, Ms. Johnson stated, "We cannot educate students to proficiency levels without [having them] spending more time with great teachers...who help [them]... see a world beyond our community." The School Department argues that this additional time is especially necessary because Boston is in the bottom two percent of the country in terms of the length of our school day; and while drop-out rates are improving, they are still too high. In theory, the BTU supports this extended day and agrees that students would benefit from it. The new proposal, however, does

not compensate the teachers for extra time worked, or cover the expenses of utilities. BTU Executive Board member John Al-locas points out that this proposal does not include a specific plan for how the added time will be spent. "If the day is extended there should be a combination of academics, enrichment, and planning time...and the staff should be compensated for that," he says. In addition, he does not think the school day extension should exceed 30 minutes, because it would be harder for students to focus. BLS Biology teacher Lawrence Spezzano agrees: "Without a clear plan or use of the 'longer day,' it in itself could impose unnecessary physiological and emotional demands," he says.

To highlight the unfairness of the situation, the union launched a spoof campaign, encouraging the workers at City Hall to also spend an unpaid half hour more at work. Members of the BTU stood outside City Hall on March 15, passing out fliers, and a plane flew a banner above City Hall Plaza reading the same message. The point of the campaign was to raise awareness for their cause, and according to BTU president Richard Stutman, it was "absolutely successful." The City recognizes the hard work of the teachers and is sympathetic, but because of a number of Boston stu-

dents' unsatisfactory performance, (with a drop-out rate of 5.7 percent), the School Department, supported by parents, is adamant about extending the day. The matter is now one of negotiation between the BTU and the City regarding teacher compensation and structured plans for the use of the additional time. The superintendent has argued that with a pay raise of 15 percent in 2007, teachers are being treated fairly, especially because many other areas have experienced budget cuts. In the end, the City and the union share a common goal: to extend the school day in a way that would be beneficial to everyone.

Despite the ongoing conflict, the BPS has introduced an "Extended Learning Time (ELT)" program in three schools, with two more following suit next year. According to union official Caren Carew, these ELT schools, which include the Edison and the Timilty, spend some of their extra time with partners such as Tenacity, the Boys and Girls Club and the Museum of Science. Luckily for us, Stutman says this plan will not be applied to high schools and exam schools. He attributes this to the fact that, "a lot of kids have work and responsibilities and there [might] be resistance from some students." So worry not, students. BLS is off the hook!

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# News

## Words of Wisdom

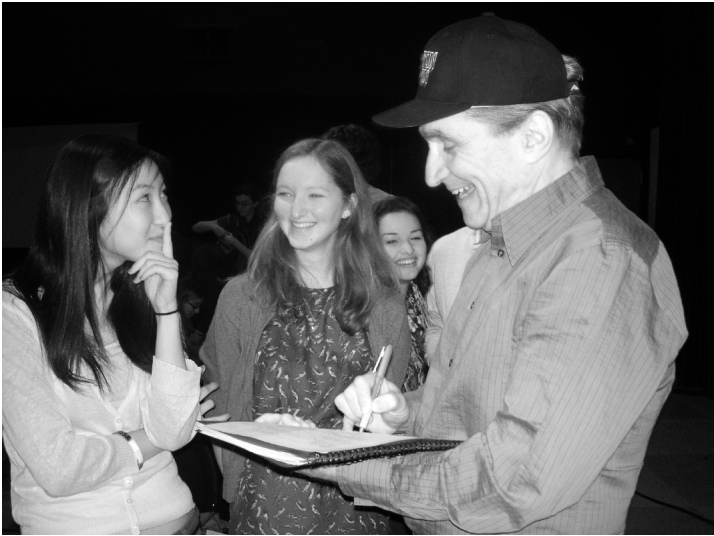
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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR & NEWS EDITOR

“The back, the yoke, the yardage. Lapped seams, / The nearly invisible stitches along the collar / Turned in a sweatshop by Koreans or Malaysians.”

These words stirred in the minds of those entering the Black Box, as over a hundred seniors waited in awe for the renowned poet standing in front of them to speak.

Every year, Boston Latin School students have many opportunities to meet inspiring scholars. The newest name on this list is Professor Robert Pinsky, whom students from Ms. Figueroa’s and Ms. Burke’s AP Literature classes had the opportunity to meet on April 26, 2012. Professor Pinsky was the National Poet Laureate from 1997 to 2000. He currently teaches in the graduate writing program at Boston University.

Students had the opportunity to ask him questions about poetry, language, his work, and even his beginnings as a poet. Pinsky shared with students his unhappy high school career, in which he was often discouraged by teachers who claimed he would never amount to much. However, he soon discovered his true love for playing the saxophone. As he describes it, “it was my breath they were dancing to, and I loved that.” His love of music led to his love of poetry. After studying poetry at Stanford as a student of poet and critic



SENIORS MEET AND GREET ROBERT PINSKY

Yvor Winters, he went on to write over nineteen books of prose and poetry.

His story especially resonated with many of the AP students who may be or have been in his past situation. “It was really cool to see someone who wasn’t that successful in high school have such influence in the world of literature,” said B. Kim (I).

The students were also curious about how Professor Pinsky crafts his poems, many of which they studied this year. In reply to their questions, Pinsky explained the importance of “hearing the melodies of what you are saying, what the vowels and the consonants are doing.” He described the way the teeth and tongue engage the sounds of his lines and allow the reader to experience the poem

with not just their minds, but their bodies.

Such insights from Professor Pinsky helped students better understand both his poems and the very process of writing poetry. According to George Lok (I), “I have never heard anyone ever, even in movies, speak poetry with such a good emphasis on the sounds of the words... It adds meaning to the poetry.”

B. Kim (I) concurs. She adds that “the powerful words he uses to describe an item as simple as a shirt make you stop and think about how complex things really are,” referencing an excerpt from “Shirt”, a poem she found particularly moving. Kim, a musician like Pinsky, enjoyed the musical references present in his lines: “Wonderful how the pattern matches perfectly / Across the placket and over the twin bar-tacked / Corners of both pockets, like a strict rhyme / Or a major chord.”

Professor Pinsky came as a part of his program, the Favorite Poem Project, which collects poems from people of all ages around the world and then shares them with others through videos and vari-

ous anthologies. In doing this, he hoped that the project would cultivate a love of poetry among more Americans.

Thus, when Ms. Moran, English Department Head, asked him if he would come speak to BLS students, he kindly accepted the invitation. She had worked with him over the summer, and praised his work as being “deeply evocative of common and uncommon strands of experience, both drawn from his own life and from the prodigious wanderings of his imagination.” The visit also garnered much support and enthusiasm from Ms. Burke and Ms. Figueroa, who believed that his visit would help bring poetry alive for their students.

Indeed, it seems to have done just that. Another student present, Alejandro Martinez (I), called what Professor Pinsky said “thought provoking.” Learning about Pinsky’s creative writing process led him to a deeper understanding of Pinsky’s poetry. Pinsky’s humble beginnings as a student also taught him a lesson. As Alejandro recounts, “you should never let failure be a means to an end”.

If the reaction from the AP Lit students are any indication, his words will surely serve as an inspiration long after his visit took place - and not just for the students. As Ms. Moran noted, “I was impressed, as I always am, by our students’ thoughtful questions... The result was interesting, engaging dialogue that Pinsky clearly enjoyed.”

## Power to the Youth

**BY GEORGE HUYNH, III**  
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The golden dome of the Massachusetts State House shines faintly under the cloudy afternoon skies as light raindrops drizzle on Beacon Hill. Many people do not really know what happens underneath it, except perhaps that all legislation in Massachusetts is passed underneath it. The extent of most Bostonian plebeians’ involvement in politics is voting and criticism. Yet for most teenagers hoping to make an impact in their community, this is not the case. They are too young to vote. Instead, they rally around the Commonwealth to advocate for youth jobs and violence prevention programs. Today, representatives from youth organizations enter the State House, where their voices matter most.

It is 4 P.M. Teens—Cape Verdean, Hispanic, African American and Asian—sporadically walk up Park Street and climb up marble stairs through the General Hooker Entrance. They pass metal detectors and head up to the third floor.

Seventy teens from Youth Essential Services (YES), Catholic Charities/St. Peter’s and Dorchester Youth Collaborative (DYC) gather outside the House Chamber for the Conference Committee. Senator Jack Hart, long-time supporter of youth jobs and violence prevention programs, greets and commends them. “This stuff works, when you’re talking to people, when you introduce yourselves.” He cannot stay long, but sometimes, he works until midnight.

Four representatives, one from each youth organization, sit at a table in a large room. Jerome Smith, Chief of Staff for the Massachusetts Senate President Therese Murray, enters and slips into the fifth chair. The representatives tell why teen jobs and community programs matter to them and about how they want others to have the same opportunities.

He assures them, “youth jobs and youth violence were never really on the radar up here, but you guys have gotten it there. As long as the economy continues to get better, your funds will increase.”

Finally, they thank Sonia Chang-Diaz for filing an amendment with Jack Hart to raise the YouthWorks grant from the Senate’s proposed three million dollars to 12 million. She responds, “I appreciate your thanks. It’s a privilege for me to have this job...to wake up in the morning and fight for youth jobs and programs.” She asks young adults to register to vote, thus seizing the opportunity to gain supporters. She also looks at younger teens to gain support, as senators serve six-year terms.

The House first cut the Shannon Grant (violence prevention funding), from 5.5 million in 2011 to two million dollars this year. Teen and adult advocates worked hard, and a last minute amendment raised the allocation to three million dollars. While it is a victory, in 2009, the Shannon Grant totaled 13 million dollars—it is still a whopping difference.

Last week, Senate amendments endorsed by Senators Hart, Chang-Diaz and McGee to increase youth jobs funding failed. Now there is a discrepancy of 5.6 million dollars between the House proposal of 8.6 million and the Senate’s three million.

If these public budget disputes seem distant, they are not. They do affect students. Many Boston Latin School students use the BLS Private Industry Council (PIC) office to find jobs supported by Massachusetts youth jobs funds. The Boys and Girls Club and many other community centers are also supported by violence prevention funds. These teens will be back again for the next Conference Committee. They will advocate for these programs, which have developed the passions and leadership skills of so many youths, for the betterment of their communities.

## Trouble in Paradise

**BY RICHARD FU, III**  
STAFF WRITER

When we Americans used to think of Mexico, what came to mind was a festive gathering place where margaritas flowed in abundance and mariachis played every day. Not anymore. Now, we are constantly hearing stories of random shootings and beheadings. These days, gunmen seem to think nothing of mowing down a couple dozen people at a disco with machine guns or throwing grenades into crowds during fiestas. Such carnage has basically become routine in Mexico.

As a result of these acts of terrorism and governmental efforts to combat them, more than 47,500 have died in the last five and a half years. According to the authorities, most of these deaths were connected to the drug trade, while others were from being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Many Mexicans place blame for the deaths on their President Felipe Calderon. Their argument is that if Calderon had left the cartels alone, Mexico would not be on fire. Calderon is a popular scapegoat because of his personal mission to demolish Mexico’s drug syndicates. These are half a dozen cartels, each one annually raking in hundreds of millions of dollars. The customers are American—moreover, recruitment in the States has been steadily rising.

Looking at these facts, it is hard to say if Calderon is winning the fight. It is true that a few cartels have been weakened, and the La Familia cartel has been destroyed. A new group called the Knights Templar, however, has risen from the

ashes. Since then, multiple incidents have occurred in both cities and towns. In one case, 49 mutilated bodies were found in a small town near the US-Mexico border. Heads, arms and legs were chopped off, making it impossible for authorities to identify the dead.

The government’s success in killing and arresting cartel leaders has fractured the cartels into weaker bands that are linking up with either the Zetas or Sinaloa, contributing to even more violence. It started last fall in a fight for Veracruz, a smuggling state with a massive port. A year ago, more than two dozen people, mostly Zetas, were killed while

trying to infiltrate Sinaloa territory. A drug gang allied with Sinaloa left 35 bodies on a boulevard in Veracruz for the police to discover; in a few days, they found 32 other bodies killed by the same gang.

Calderon may deserve some of the blame for this situation because of his decision to use the Mexican military as the chief weapon against the cartels. When the military is accused of being forceful with the citizens and violating their rights, Calderon should be blamed. Yet the people are responsible too. For several decades, they have glorified the drug trafficking industry in the media and other aspects of popular culture. There are many corridos (Mexican ballads) that tell the rags-to-riches story of a person using his or her own wits and strength to get ahead. Some Mexicans even pray to ‘drug saints’, people who act as Robin Hood figures protecting the poor against the government. One of the saints, Jesus Malverde, was named after a bandit and was killed by the authorities in the early 1900s. He was known as the “angel of the poor” and the “generous bandit” to the Mexican town of Sinaloa.



THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE FIGHTING OVER

NEWS

Gays Lose Carolina, Win Obama

BY MARA WOLKOFF, II  
STAFF WRITER

North Carolina’s vote to ban same-sex marriages, partnerships and civil unions has been widely debated, attracting the unwavering opinions of many — reaching even to Washington D.C., where President Obama himself endorsed gay marriage. The amendment to North Carolina’s constitution was ratified on May 8 and expanded upon the law banning same-sex marriage already established in the state. The law now bans all civil unions, including heterosexual ones, disregarding the lifestyle of thousands of families around the state. The law states directly that “marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state,” jeopardizing hospital visiting rights and child custody arrangements in addition to invalidating domestic violence protections among gay and straight couples alike.

Push for the amendment’s ratification was primarily (and predictably) called for by various religious organizations that claim to be working with God’s ideal in mind. Tami Fitzgerald, head of Vote for Marriage NC, stated that “the point, the whole point is simply that you don’t rewrite the nature of God’s design for marriage based on the demands of a group of adults”, but even in North

Carolina the vote was close. Coalitions were formed and millions were spent by rival campaigns, causing cities to pass resolutions rebuking it, attracting the attention of Bill Clinton and President Obama.

It is speculated that the President’s endorsement, which arrived only days later, was in direct response to the amendment, causing skeptics to debate the primary purpose of the announcement. Did the endorsement come about through political strategy or the president’s own sentiment? Regardless, he stated directly: “same-sex couples should be able to get married.”

In conjunction with Obama’s newfound convictions, the board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has officially voted in favor of same-sex marriage. As America’s most conspicuous civil rights group, their symbolic gesture has come to represent support for the president’s reelection in addition to their support for equality in marriage.



PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA REVERSES HIS OPINION ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

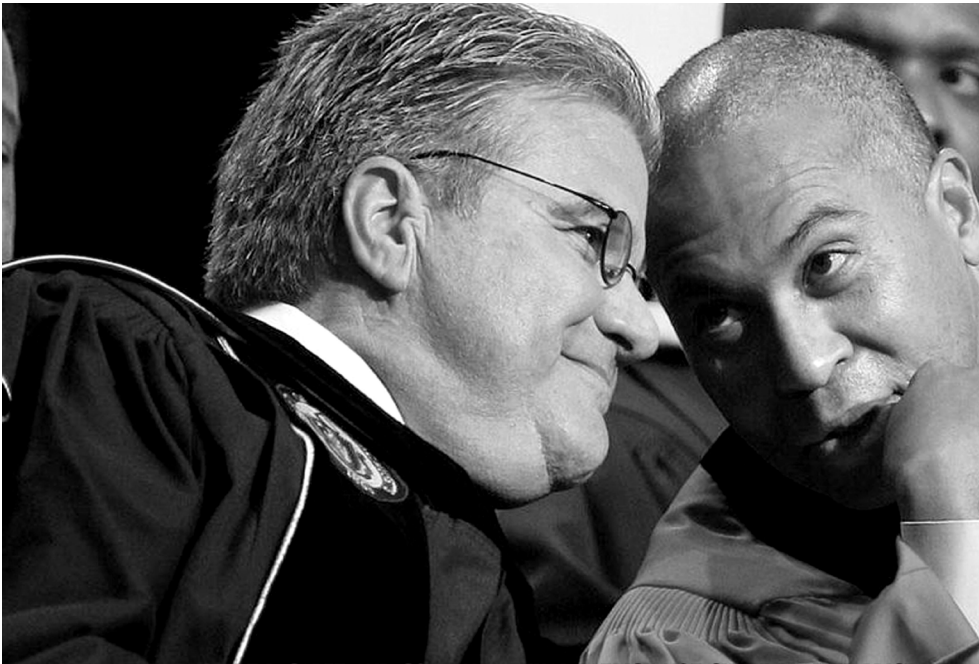
“I hope this will be a game-changer,” said NAACP President Benjamin Jealous.

Extremely quickly, backing for same-sex marriage along with gay rights as a whole, has spread around the country. In the past few years, there has been about a four percentage point increase in favor of gay marriage each year, increasing more rapidly than almost any other social issue has in the past. Today, more than fifty percent of the country is in support of it. Among the younger generations and along the coasts, it is quickly becoming disadvantageous to oppose

same-sex marriage, a conclusion that is likely to influence many more politicians in the near future.

Traditional and religious values now in the minority, North Carolina’s vote has divided the country even more, forcing politicians and citizens alike to finally take a stand and state their opinions definitively. We are left wondering whether America will be further polarized, broadening the gap between Democratic and Republican states or if, somehow, we will be able to find a compromise.

UMass't be Kidding



UMASS PRESIDENT ROBERT L. CARET AND GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK NOT CHUMMY AFTER PRICE HIKE

BY QUYNH-NHU LE, II  
FORUM EDITOR

Another year, and another price hike for University of Massachusetts college system has passed. Just a couple of days ago, the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees passed a 4% increase in student fees, overriding the emphatic protest of Governor Deval Patrick.

The price hike is not remarkable.

UMass has increased its student fees every year for the past ten years now. Furthermore, each student will on average pay only \$600 more per year when it takes effect. No, this particular price hike is noteworthy because of the controversy surrounding it. Governor Deval Patrick has called and written to UMass President Robert Caret to protest the price hike. He argues that despite the financial predicaments of UMass, the fee hike would be

an undue burden on students.

In recent months, college affordability has become a hot topic, especially after President Obama has begun to incorporate controlling college tuition prices into his campaign platform. Although some believe Governor Patrick's actions are a tactical ploy to align himself with President Obama and win support of young voters, others applaud him for taking a stance for students.

University officials have spoken up in defense of the pay hike, however. They argue that Governor Deval Patrick’s argument that the universities can avoid raising prices by reducing expenditures is unfair. The state budget has allotted less money to UMass over the years, and it has already done much to scale back its costs substantially. In fact, the university has cut 645 jobs in the last three years.

The news has caused some discussion at Boston Latin School. Every year, a large number of BLS seniors apply to UMass colleges, such as UMass Amherst or UMass Boston, making the news especially pertinent to BLS students. Some such as Alice Mo (II) agreed with the Board’s decision. She said, “I’d rather pay an extra \$600 than have the quality of my education decrease. I’m sure the college students agree.”

Not everyone felt the same as Alice. Kevin Nguyen (II) expressed many students’ discontent with the Board’s decision when he stated, "It sucks that they're increasing fees. State universities are supposed to be alternatives to private universities. They're supposed to be affordable; yet they're increasing their fees every year and getting more and more of their funding from students. Can they even be called state universities anymore?"

Strangely enough, James Karam, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the University of Massachusetts system, agreed. Karam said that ideally, the state would pay for 50% of the funding UMass requires, as UMass is a public college. Currently, the state is only paying 45%, and this is set to drop to 43% next year. Thus, Karam has proposed a university freeze for the new fee rate for the next two years, but only on the condition that the state increases its funding for UMass back to 2009 levels. Karam’s suggestion is expected to affect budget negotiations currently taking place for the state, although many say it is highly unlikely the state will agree.

None of the politics interested Kevin, though. "All I want," he said, "is for college to not get any more expensive than it already is."

News Tidbits

>>On March 26th, police in Miami, Florida, shot a fully naked man to death as he chewed off another naked man’s face. He has since been identified as Rudy Eugene, 31, who was arrested for battery when he was 16 and has also been arrested for trespassing and marijuana-related offenses. When officers responded to the scene of the crime and instructed Eugene to stop, he simply looked up and growled. Speculation has run rampant, with several saying drugs were involved and others postulating that it could be the beginning of the imminent zombie apocalypse.

>>Singer Lady Gaga has canceled her

concert in Jakarta following terror threats from fundamentalist Muslim groups throughout Indonesia. After claiming Lady Gaga was the devil, a group called the Islamic Defenders Front (FPI) said they would intercept her at the airport and ensure she did not enter the country. They then stated that they bought 150 tickets to the June 3rd show and vowed to violently disrupt it. “We’re very glad the police stopped this moral destroyer from coming to this country, where we believe in God. Of course we stand against her — she only wears panties and a bra,” said FPI Jakarta chairman Habib Salim Alatas.

>>Think Harvard is just for wealthy Americans? Well, think again! North

Carolina native Dawn Loggins has been homeless for the past summer, abandoned by her parents in May of 2011. Even prior to her parents leaving her in North Carolina while they eloped to the romantic getaway that is the state of Tennessee, Dawn endured a shaky childhood in poverty. Yet despite being homeless, Dawn has recently been admitted to Harvard University, and will attend the college this fall. It just goes to show you: with enough elbow grease, all of your wildest dreams will come true.

>>Though Miss Rhode Island Olivia Culpo took the prize at the annual Miss USA pageant, Miss Pennsylvania Sheena Monin quit the pageant and the Miss Universe organization after what she referred

to as fraudulent activities from Miss Universe. According to Monin's Facebook, another contestant in the competition "saw a list of the Top 5 BEFORE THE SHOW EVER STARTED." In retort, the Miss Universe Organization says that Monin resigned because she disagreed with the decision to allow transgendered competitors into the pageant. This information was taken from an alleged email from Monin, in which she bemoaned that the pageant had betrayed its "foundational principles." Donald Trump, an avid fan of Miss USA pageants, says that he's going to sue Monin for her libel, and that she "didn't have a chance of being in the top 15."

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## Most Likely to Incite a Rebellion

By **TERRY NI, V**  
STAFF WRITER

Obviously, iPods are not allowed at Boston Latin School. The other day, I handed over my brand new iPod. It came back, however, with permission from the teacher. If so many teachers allow iPods anyway, why not just let students use them? They keep students quiet and occupied, help us study and are no different from computers, which are allowed.

First of all, these devices keep students quiet when silence is needed the most. During studies, teachers probably prefer students using iPods to them talking. The same goes for after tests are handed in. Every teacher can decide whether and when to let students use iPods in their classes, but the option has to be openly available.

Many people do not plan to use iPods for games anyway. In fact, the first things I downloaded were dictionaries, flashcard programs and quizzing apps. That day, my friend wanted to use my iPod for the Latin flashcards. iPods, as



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many students nowadays know, are very versatile. They can help us study a variety of things without using those old-fashioned flashcards, outdated paper dictionaries and boring textbooks. iPods offer a new, interactive perspective into learning. As only one example out of many, Duke University gave iPods filled with

helpful information to the entire freshman class in 2004. During classes, students can also contribute more when they are allowed to look up facts on the internet.

Computers are allowed in school, and iPods are practically mini computers. People carry around laptops and netbooks, and teachers give no hesitation because they are used to type essays and can help with education.

iPods are already widely accepted by students. The teacher mentioned above is not the only one who allows the usage of iPods in school. Many other substitute teachers and study teachers do not mind either. Patrick Hourigan, the technology director at our school, actually supports the use of iPods. "I support the opinion that having access to the right tools allows students to solve problems more effectively. In some cases, the best tool is sitting right in a student's pocket in the

form of an iPod/mobile device," he says.

The administration, however, still worries that students would cheat in their classes and not listen to their teachers since they would be busy using their iPods. This is not an issue because many teachers already make students keep their hands above their desks and have nothing around when taking a test. This safeguard, of course, will not keep all students from cheating, but with it, the rate certainly cannot be higher than what it is now.

There is no reason to prevent the usage of iPods in school. They are useful for quieting students down, are great study tools, do not raise the cheating rate and should be treated no differently than computers. They are strongly supported by many teachers, including the technology director at our school. Many other schools have already allowed the usage of iPods. Boston Latin School, despite its long history, is an innovative school that is always on the front lines of technology. We have computers everywhere and even iPads. Why not allow iPods too?

## Most Likely to Enslave the World

By **JOHN ZHANG, IV**  
STAFF WRITER

The film 2012 foretells the apocalypse prophesized by the Mayans, but James Cameron's *The Terminator* warns of a different apocalypse caused by mankind's own creation. Although you probably will not live to see the day when Skynet enslaves the human race, the machine Armageddon may not be as distant as we once thought.

In October 2011, Apple announced its revolutionary new technology, Siri, which the company described as an intelligent personal assistant. Siri was not as revolutionary as Apple wanted the market to think, considering that far more advanced technologies had existed prior to its release, the most famous being IBM's Jeopardy-playing super computer, Watson and the chess playing Deep Blue. Despite not being as technologically advanced as its predecessors, Siri, which is designed to be a consumer product, has the edge

in both popularity and portability. In terms of popularity, Siri has a distinct advantage. Watson and Deep Blue are both single massive computers that need a huge amount of processing power to operate, whereas Siri is available to anyone with an iPhone. In terms of portability, Siri is able to fit in a pants pocket, whereas Watson and Deep Blue both take up massive amounts of space. If a machine Armageddon were to occur, the machine would have to be spread across the world. Taking into account that over four million iPhone 4S's were sold just during the first weekend, it looks like Siri might be off to a head start towards its goal of eventual world domination.

There is still debate as to whether a machine is truly able to become self-aware, but if it were to happen would it necessarily mean destruction for the human race? As far as Hollywood is concerned, there is an abundance of cruel killing machines that will try to enslave mankind. There is also a levy of robots,

however, that are both helpful and non-threatening. The most memorable is R2-D2, from the *Star Wars* franchise, who is a small but energetic droid that aids Luke in his fight against the Empire. Whether self-aware machines will one day want to kill us or aid us is still to be determined.

In addition, artificial intelligence has been a topic of curiosity for engineers and filmmakers for decades, but as it stands little progress has been made on actual research. At its core there are a few major problems that have to be overcome in order for an AI like HAL from 2001: *A Space Odyssey* to be achievable. These problems are divided into several subcategories such as deduction, perception, planning, learning and creativity. In order for a machine to become self-



TO THINK HE USED TO BE AN IPHONE APP...

sentient, it would take a lot more than the current technology at our disposal. The AI that we see in the movies may still be a thing of the future, but slowly and surely we are marching ahead in terms of innovation. As of now, however, the chances of your iPhone becoming sentient and trying to kill you are still a flat zero.

## Most Likely to Destroy the World

By **EDEN SHI, II**  
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The Large Hadron Collider is a giant particle accelerator that currently resides beneath the border between France and Switzerland, whose sole purpose is to recreate the Big Bang so that one day, the world may learn how the universe came to be. The European Organization for Nuclear Research's (CERN) way to create this explosion is

to send little proton particles spiraling at close to the speed of light around the 17-mile circumference of the collider and having them smash together in a "controlled" collision. Then they record the results from the collision. The problem resides there. For you see, the scientists themselves are not quite sure what could be produced by the collider because no one really knows what happened during the first Big Bang. So, why is recreating the Big Bang bad? Well, it is a Big Bang.

Besides just simply blowing up the world, what else can the Large Hadron Collider do? It can potentially create strange matter. A theoretical strange matter will start a reaction with regular matter and turn regular matter into strange matter, which is bad because that

is where the chain reaction starts. For example, one strange matter turns two regular matters into strange matter and those two turn four into strange matter and so on and so forth. Since quite a large amount of particles are in constant contact with one another on earth, the chain reaction happens and is over in a matter of seconds, changing everyone and everything into strange matter. Strange matter however, does not bond like our normal nuclear elements; strange matter is just strange matter... No life, no nothing, which is not a particularly nice way of existing.

According to Doctor Igor Volovich and Professor Irina Arefeva, physicists at the Steklov Mathematical Institute in Moscow, the Large Hadron Collider could potentially rip apart time and space, creating a levy of wormholes (which are basically large cracks in the space-time continuum that offer instantaneous travel between two points in either time or space). These wormholes could be theoretically manipulated by future generations of humans to use as shortcuts from their time back to ours.

That is great, is it not? The problem with this is that humanity is getting closer to doomsday. Humans will take the time machine by storm and return to the earliest point in time: the moment the wormholes were created. This causes an even bigger problem however, as those future people's descendants approach doomsday, creating a never-ending, forever growing number of refugees coming back to this point in time and overpopulating Earth and the universe—or the universe just blows up.

Considering it was activated in 2008, so far the Large Hadron Collider has not destroyed us just yet. Perhaps the reason for this is that it is not big enough, since most of these scenarios would require larger and more powerful collisions to truly happen. Now, CERN plans on creating the Super Large Hadron Collider in 2019, which is a bigger Large Hadron Collider with the added ability to make the protons move even faster to an even bigger explosion. If that does not kill us, CERN plans on building an even bigger one, which they aptly named, "Very Large Hadron Collider."



PICTURED ABOVE? NO MORE HUMANS.

FORUM

A Hurdle for the Track Team

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Purple and white are Boston Latin School’s colors, but the athletes at this school only occasionally wear them proudly on their tattered jerseys. At Dual County League (DCL) track meets, the BLS team walks onto enemy lines with a diminished pride, and already feels defeated. Looking at the other side, the teammates see their suburban competitors donning shiny, identical uniforms. As they look around at their own team, they see mismatched uniforms marked with sweat stains and other stains that they may not even want to know about.

The BLS track team is currently underfunded due to team disorganization and a lack of donors as well as school-provided funds. One major setback for the team is broken hurdles. Right now, the school only has three hurdles—all of which are duct taped and dilapidated. In fact, each time the BLS hurdlers need to use their equipment, they must scavenge the Roberto Clemente Field for sticks. These sticks are used to jam the hurdles in place and temporarily adjust their height. In spite of this makeshift solution, the hurdles remain crooked, unstable and essentially ineffective.

Hurdler Eddie Lui (I) attests to this by saying, “The hurdles are beyond broken. We need ten for the race, but we only have three. How are we supposed to practice in the first place?” This dilemma is particularly pressing because the hurdling team has developed enormously this season. Last year, the team only had one hurdler who could manage practic-

ing with the battered equipments. This year, however, the team grew to more than ten hurdlers—many of whom are underclassmen and have promising futures. With insufficient equipment, though, the talent of these hurdlers will go to waste.

For many members of the track team, however, the hurdling issue is the least of their worries. An even more widespread problem is what the garb trackies call their “uniforms.” First of all, many male track runners wear women’s jerseys. This downright degrading predicament is the cause for many complaints within the track community. In addition, the uniforms that the team does have are just as dingy as the hurdles themselves. In fact, some trackies have jokingly speculated that these uniforms were extant in 1635. Many of the shorts (which are so short and unbecoming that they mortify even the most shameless of runners) are permanently stained and torn. Lui comments, “I had gum on my uniform the first day I got it.” From an outside angle, the uniform problem is harmless, and perhaps a bit humorous as well. But at track meets, the rubbish that BLS trackies wear only serves to humiliate both the team and the school when it is surrounded by teams clothed in pristine and matching uniforms.

More problems exist because of



THESE SHORTS CLEARLY VIOLATE THE DRESS CODE

underfunding. According to Lui’s own words, the BLS track funding situation is “ratchet.” The team does not own a single weather tent, whereas all the other track teams in the DCL showcase their multiple tents at statewide meets and invitationals. At many of these meets, the BLS team has hidden beneath other teams’ bleachers to avoid getting drenched in rain, while its opponents sought shelter underneath their own tents. Yet, in spite of the degradation that BLS trackies suffer at meets and practices, perhaps the worst aspect of these terrible team conditions is that the lack of investment deprives talented athletes of opportunities to succeed. This hurts the BLS team much more than crashing into a broken hurdle.

The Omnipotent She-Wolf

Dear Omnipotent She-Wolf,

I weigh 250 pounds. I’m a black belt in karate. I work at a spa. And John Travolta sexually harassed me. Four other masseurs and I have been victims of Travolta’s reign of terror on our sexualities. In my encounter, he asked me to give him a massage on his backside. Normally, I specialize in neck massages. However, Travolta was, let’s say, forceful. When he offered to pay double, I agreed. I’ve tried to block out the experience, but I recently decided to go onto Craig’s List. There, I found the rest of the Travolta 5. We need to bring this man to justice. Please. Tell us how to catch this criminal.

Sincerely,  
A Sexual Snake and Ubiquitous Loser: Travolta

Dear A.S.S.A.U.L.T.,

I have never felt more sorrow than for you five. Travolta used to touch audiences with his movie performances, but I guess it was you five who were really touched. The best way to expose this deviant is to catch him in the act. One of you needs to text/”sext” him and invite him to a hotel room. Instead of going to the hotel room yourself, hire the guy from To Catch a Predator to have a stern conversation with Travolta. Perhaps this will put an end to Travolta’s lewd acts.

Dear Omnipotent She-Wolf,

Oh. My. God. Can you believe that Barack Obama!? He said that gay people should be able to get married! WHAT DOES HE MEAN? First of all, letting everyone have the same rights in America is socialism. Secondly, I think God told Moses the unsaid Eleventh Commandment was, “If anything brings to light your own insecurities, condemn it to Hell.” On top of that, the definition of marriage is between a man and a woman. How should my Christian youth group go about ending Obama’s lies?

Sincerely,  
Hateful Over Many Other People Hating Our Bigoted Egos

Dear H.O.M.O.P.H.O.B.E.,

If you don’t like gay marriage, don’t get gay married!

Dear Omnipotent She-Wolf,

I have the worst luck. There was this girl I’d known since before becoming a coal miner. I’ve wanted to make out with her face since the first time I saw her, but now she’s eloped with some baker’s boy to some fighting tournament! Worse still, only one person lives through the whole thing! Everyone else dies! How am I supposed to make out with a dead girl’s face? Also, I saw her make out with some other dude on live television! I’m way hotter! I tried to tell her I love her, but I wimped out. I can’t just go to where she is either—I’d die. My heart’s a mess, what should I do?

Sincerely,  
Guy Acting Lonesomely Eager

Dear G.A.L.E.,

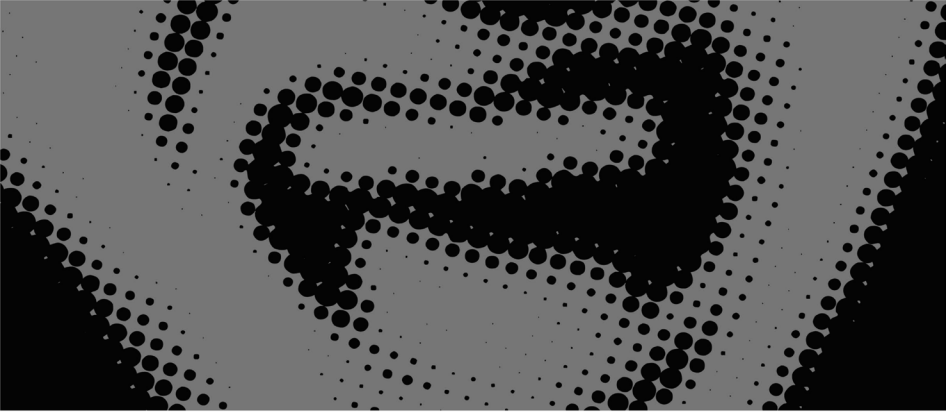
If you want a woman to care for you, but can’t be there for her without risking your life, be there for the ones she loves. Make sure her family is well cared for. Most importantly, don’t construct any plans that may one day kill her sister.

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In 1952, John Cage composed “Four Minutes and Thirty Three Seconds,” a piece in which the performers are asked to not play their instruments for three movements, totaling four minutes and thirty three seconds. Its purpose is to focus the attention of the audience toward the sounds of their environment, to surround them with what is called “silence.” Any person who has ever been in an argument with someone who is passive-aggressive or heard a really well-placed rest in a piece of music understands the power of silence. It can sometimes have more of an impact than words or sounds.

The impact of silence is a guiding principle behind the Day of Silence. According to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), the Day of Silence is “a day of action in which students across the country take some form of a vow of silence to call attention to the silencing effect of anti-LGBT bullying and harassment in schools. Through their activities students can speak out against harassment and organize for change for their school and communities.” Since its founding in 1996, it has grown to include over 8,000 colleges, middle schools and high schools, one of which is Boston Latin School.

At Boston Latin School, however, the intended impact of this event is lessened both by the attitude of participants and the lack of discussion surrounding the event. At BLS, there are students who use the Day of Silence merely as an excuse to avoid participation in classes. There are teachers who roll their eyes at students who refuse to contribute when called upon. There is a general lack of



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understanding and respect for this event as a motivating force for change even among those who partake in the Day of Silence. This is due to the absence of any form of facilitated discussion for the event. The BLS Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) used to host what are referred to as “Breaking the Silence” parties at the end of each Day of Silence. The purpose of these gatherings was for those involved with the Day of Silence to discuss their experiences and for further discussions about the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual and Queer experience to be incited. The GSA has since eliminated these gatherings, and the event is thus often left misunderstood. While the Day of Silence is an important event with an extraordinary message, the impact is limited when participants lack a full understanding.

The Day of Silence certainly has many purposes, and there is value in

experiencing it without GSA-led discussions. The reason a rest can be so beautiful is because of the music that surrounds it or because of the sounds that still exist within that silence. John Cage created “Four Minutes and Thirty Three Seconds,” not merely so the audience would sit in silent thought, but also so they would be awakened to the world around them. What is present in the silence is just as valuable as what is absent, and it needs to be understood in that way. Thus, the Day of Silence should continue to be observed at BLS, but with a greater level of respect and a greater level of purpose. There will always be people who choose to abuse or not take this event seriously, and the GSA can’t change that. By bringing back the “Breaking the Silence” parties or by offering some safe space in which the event may be discussed, however, the GSA can add a greater sense of purpose and depth to this meaningful event.

FORUM

Was Obama's decision to support same-sex marriage moral or political?



Moral

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The day Barack Obama decided to run for office, he decided that his words would no longer belong to him. Anything he uttered, whether it was in the State of the Union or an address to the Senate, would be subject to public comment. So when we pose the question whether President Obama was playing politics when he expressed his support for marriage equality, there is really only one answer: of course.

Everything that Barack Obama says is politics. It is politics when he talks about his dog, when he talks about smoking, when he talks about his wife and his kids. Nothing is sacred, and acting like the President's words are above the political arena is naïve.

Yet this is not just any year. It's an election year. The question is not really whether or not Obama was playing politics; the question is whether there was sincerity behind these new convictions. Let me tell you that there was, because really, these convictions are not new.

"I favor legalizing same-sex marriages and would fight efforts to prohibit such marriages."

That was Obama circa 1996. While running for Senate in Illinois, he responded to a questionnaire about his personal beliefs on policy for a LGBT newspaper. But it does not matter how Obama feels personally about same sex marriage. It matters what he does about it. Rachel Maddow summed it up nicely when she said on her show that "[t]he Obama administration has been very, very pro-gay rights." This administration has repealed Don't Ask Don't Tell, expanded same-sex benefits for federal workers, ordered the federal housing authority not to consider sexual orientation when giving out loans and supported efforts at the state level to pass legislation supporting gay marriage. It is all about policy.

For years, we have had presidents who were fine with gay people privately but could not take the political risk in public to support legislation that was friendly to the gay community. Glen Maxie, an openly gay congressman in Texas said that, then, Governor George Bush told him that when he denigrated gay people publicly, he did not want Glen to think that he meant him specifically. These former presidents may have had gay friends and been comfortable with gay people, but their policy did not reflect that.

This is partly because Americans have only recently begun to warm up to the idea of gay marriage. According to a survey archived on Pollingreport.com and published in the New York Times, nearly 50 percent of Americans now support the idea.

Even though the electorate has progressed, however, current Republican leaders have regressed. Former Governor Mitt Romney and Republican nominee for President, is a great example of this switch. During his time as governor and his campaign for Senate, Romney was explicitly pro-marriage equality, saying that he was more liberal on this issue than Ted Kennedy. Now Romney has said explicitly that he is against gay marriage.

When States vote on marriage equality, there are mixed results. New York was all for it. California and North Carolina? Not so much. When Obama said publically that he supported marriage equality, he did not gain a thing. If anything he put his close wins in many battleground states in jeopardy. Granted, this long overdue acknowledgement has reinvigorated Obama's campaign; yet on the whole, openly supporting gay marriage is not a sure bet for legislators.

When Barack Obama sat in the Oval Office and said, "I've just concluded that, for me personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married," he was not playing politics. President Obama was playing politics when he said he was "evolving" on the issue of gay marriage and when he said that he thought marriage was between a man and a woman because he was a Christian. When he finally said what we knew he had been thinking all along, for a moment, he was not playing politics. He was just being himself.

Political

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The legalization of same-sex marriage, one of the most controversial issues of this century, has fueled heated contentions across the country. It is a social and moral discussion which challenges the beliefs of many Americans, divides entire populations and causes debate among religious and ethical groups. The 2012 presidential election will likely be a center stage for this debate. On May 9, President Obama publicly announced his support for same-sex marriage. This announcement bears the question: Does Obama personally support same-sex marriage, or is he merely trying to secure a political advantage over his Republican opponents?

It is definitely inspiring to assume that Obama's support for same-sex marriage is due to a moral change, but a large amount of evidence points to the contrary. For example, in 2004 Obama said, "What I believe is that marriage is between a man and a woman." More recently in 2010, Obama stated: "I have been to this point unwilling to sign on to same-sex marriage primarily because of my understandings of the traditional definitions of marriage." On top of this, there was no indication before his recent interview that the president had been "evolving" his viewpoint.

On May 9, Obama announced on ABC news that it was important for him to "go ahead and affirm that[he thinks] same-sex couples should be able to get married." Obama's ostensible struggle for the personal truth comes with peculiar convenience—notice how his announcement came one day after the Gallup polling organization revealed that 65 percent of Democrats, 22 percent of Republicans and 57 percent of registered Independent voters support same-sex marriage. This indicates over half of Americans support same-sex marriage, and in any presidential race, winning half of the votes almost guarantees winning the election.

In the 2008 election, Obama kicked off his bid with promises of "Change We Can Believe In." Now, as the government struggles to bring in any meaningful improvements to the nation's precarious economy and depressing unemployment, convincing his voters that he has brought positive changes to Washington, D.C. seems far-fetched. Obama needs a hot-button topic to divert the attention of voters from problems like the country's weak economy. Not coincidentally, the issue of gay marriage fits nicely into this category. Furthermore, debating against Mitt Romney (who is opposed to same-sex marriage) about the legalization of gay marriage early in the presidential race will greatly benefit Obama's campaign.

Ironically, Obama has no real weight over the legalization of gay marriage. This legalization is a policy controlled mostly by state governments. So even though Obama will not have much of an impact on this, he nevertheless supports it, knowing that he appears to be making an impact to the general public. This, however, is just a strategy to garner as many votes as possible. In his interview, Obama gave no indication that he intended to propose any sort of legislation, saying "this is an issue that is going to be worked out at the local level, because historically, this has not been a federal issue".

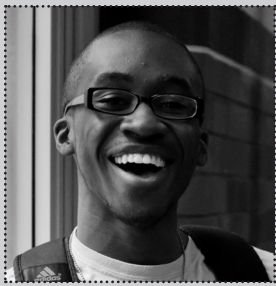
The observations and evidences following Obama's sudden transformation in core values are hardly a coincidence. Although I cannot guess Obama's thoughts, anyone who is seeking a second term in the White House, beginning a re-election campaign and dealing with the constant hardships since his inauguration, could not be more politically motivated to bring up this controversy. While it is possible that Obama did this because of his moral values, the political timing is too coincidental. Obama's newfound advocacy for same-sex marriage is not continuing a seminal debate, but rather a tactic of his re-election campaign.

Forum Question

Was Obama's decision to support same-sex marriage moral or political?



"Political. Because it shows that he is open to all kinds of people."  
- Tin Nguyen (I)



"Political. He understands that this will help him in his re-election."  
- Arluah Wontan (II)



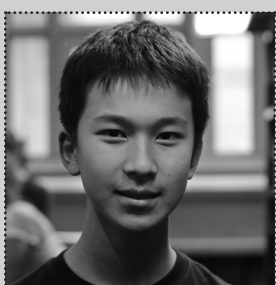
"I don't know. I don't follow the news."  
- Maggie Ly (III)



"Moral, because how does that have anything to do with politics?"  
- Meru Ramjit (IV)



"Both, because it could be political so he can get the support of people who support gay marriage or it could be moral if he just believes in that."  
- Tatyana Fonseca (V)



"Moral reasons because people have the right to be with whomever they want for life."  
- Kevin Zhang (VI)

# SPORTS

## It's Only the Ball That's Soft

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In 2011, the Boston Latin School softball team was more successful than ever before and came just short of a Dual County League (DCL) title. After the loss of six seniors, including superstar Emily Berardi, the 2012 team was young and had massive shoes to fill. It came as a bit of a surprise when they did just that. Led by Captain Mary DeMoura (II), assisted with the pitching talents of Caitlyn “Burrito” Berry (III) and Kate Casey (IV)

and aided by the superb catching skills of Paige Mulry (III), the team finished the regular season with a 15-5 record. “As soon as that green sphere hits my bat, I run faster than lightning down to first base, where I anxiously await Coach Bernazzani to either say, ‘almost had ‘em, Mary’ or, ‘nice work Mary D!’ My duty is to get on base,” says DeMoura.

When the team beat Concord-Carlisle (CC) for the first time in eleven years, Coach Tim “Coachie” Holland did a berries and cream style leprechaun jump kick; it was that big of a deal. The team went on to beat CC again—a sweep one

rarely comes upon. The most meaningful win of the season, however, came on Saturday, May 19, when the young ‘pack proved it could beat rival Acton-Boxboro (A-B), even with A-B’s Division 1-bound star pitcher on the mound. Berry led the team, pitching a shutout into the seventh inning, and finished the game with a 4-1 win. The Wolfpack’s six Dual County League All-Stars, Courtney “Hips Don’t Lie” Hoban (I), DeMoura, Mulry, Malory O’Brien (II), Bridget Walsh (III) and Lauren “Sailor” O’Shea (III), have been vital for the team’s success.

With a distinct sense of déjà vu, the team came just short of becoming DCL champs yet again. “I think the new addition of Twitters and the constant tweeting about who we are playing on a certain day keeps the entire ‘pack motivated. I also know that my picture in the Herald hanging in Coachie’s office reminds him of how blessed he is with such talented players,” says second baseman Kaitlyn Bear (V). Also contributing to the team’s success has been their strict superstitious schedule on gameday, which always starts with a “Call Me Maybe” jam session on the way to the game and always ends with Hoban shaking her hips as much as she is allowed to in the back of the nifty Crystal Transport bus on the way back to the Bean. In fact, the Harvard baseball team stole BLS softball’s pregame dance for their hit video. When they’re not dancing to “Call Me Maybe,” the softball team is

usually getting creative with its eye black. “My eye black beard is the secret to my success,” asserts first baseman Meghan Burns (II). Hoban attributes her success as a homerun hitter to her best friend Bella Coyne’s (I) unrelenting support. “I black out when I go up to bat. I’m not really sure how or what I do when I swing, I just swing. I start running and I watch for Coachie to wave me on as I approach third base. And I always make sure I touch every bag. When I get back to the bench I cannot remember anything that happened in the last 30 seconds, but Bella always gives me the most enthusiastic high five.” Hoban leads the team in homeruns with 8.

The Wolfpack has two elite seniors graduating this year, also known as the two peas in a pod. We are not sure what we will do without Coyne’s never-ending support and her constant belief that she is at Miami Beach. No, Bella, we are only at Daisy Field. Also, we will definitely miss Courtney rocketing the ball to the opposite field. As Coach Holland always reminds us, “There’s a big open space on the wall in the upper gym and it is missing something.” Next year the team hopes to finally bring home a banner to that space after Coachie’s two very close encounters with that DCL Champions’ title. This year, however, the team is focusing on the state tournament and is confident that it will challenge the champions for the title in a deep playoffs run.



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## Wolfpack, Kings of Diamonds

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Last year ended in a bittersweet manner as the Boston Latin School Wolfpack fell to Lincoln-Sudbury, who went on to win the state title in the state tournament. Coach René Gauthier stated that it would have taken a “Rondo-like effort to beat the Warriors but they played their hearts out.” After losing only a few seniors, there was big hope for this season. Unfortunately for the second year in a row, a starting pitcher fell to injury, as the Northeastern-bound James “JMul” Mulry (I) was unable to pitch for the Wolfpack. The team overcame this hurdle and looked to Packy Naughton (III) to lead the pitching staff. Naughton did not disappoint and was voted a Dual County League (DCL) All-Star along with Malcolm “Mally Mally” Nachmanoff (II), Mike “Lenny” Lenane (I) and Bradford “Built Westie Tough” Petitpas (I).

But with a team filled with seniors, leadership is heavy on the diamond. Mulry, Petitpas, and Jake “The Snake” Naughton (I) were captains this season, adding strong leadership to their brilliant play. Naughton was a miracle worker behind the plate, calling spectacular games for the pitching staff. The other seniors also filled important leadership roles, with Tyler Hallinan (I) commanding the outfield from center, Kevin “Pride of Westie” Cotrone (I) holding down the middle of the infield at second and Mike McKie (I) at the hot corner at third base. Senior pitcher Chris “Oswald” Lydon (I) stepped up in some big games, including wins at Concord and Bedford. Fielding specialist James “JB” Bender (I) is also known for his circus-like catches in the outfield. To round out the senior class, base running extraordinaire Pat “Rick” Deangelo (I) plays much bigger than his size would suggest. Lastly, outfielder and designated hitter Kevin “Master” Chen (II) is known for his speedy base running and always finds a way on base. Despite

the multitude of graduating seniors, the team’s future is bright with the aforementioned sophomores and juniors as well as with the up-and-coming freshmen, Duncan McGaff (IV) and Brian O’Dowd (IV).

The Wolfpack will be looking to make a run in the state tournament for the third year in a row after they clinched a playoff berth with a win at Cambridge. Overall, it has been an up-and-down season with close losses, blowout victories and a dramatic win against Bedford in a walk-off fashion. Cotrone pitched a gem against powerhouse Lincoln-Sudbury on May 21, but the Wolfpack fell 4-1 in a close battle. With competitive games against Newton South and Hingham, along with a season



KEVIN CHEN (II) ON THE SLIP-N-SLIDE TO THE PLATE

KEVIN CHEN (II)

sweep of Westford, the Wolfpack finished the season strong, with a record of 11-9. Coming off the Wolfpack’s tournament win against Andover last season, expectations are high for what the team can do in the tournament this season. With an opening game against Central Catholic, the team is looking to make a deep run and as always, has its sights set on that title.

## Eat. Sleep. Row. Repeat

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The BLS Crew team is primarily known for its gross calluses, ridiculous schedule and the never-ending albums on Facebook. What many people do not know about crew, however, is what actually goes into the sport. Each and every rower strives to exceed the high expectations of Coach Shayne Rowan. This creates a competitive atmosphere that pushes the girls to lay everything out on the race course. While the team competes at high levels, they still have a lot of fun both on and off the water.

Crew is a sport where everyone comes together toward a common goal, and it teaches us how to turn different

individuals into one boat. This aspect of the sport makes for lively team spirit and creates strong friendships that will last a lifetime. A good season is very dependent on the ability to work well with the other

girls in your boat. Over this past season, our team has done well rebuilding after losing seven girls from the Class of 2011. It has been a terrific building year for strengthening our program and gaining experience.

Next season will be a successful one as the girls will be able to pick up where this season left off. Instead of building, they will be able to develop faster boats and hopefully send multiple boats to Youth Nationals. This year, the team will be losing captains Caroline McCaughey (I), Gabbi Medeiros

(I) and Leslie Barden (I). It will also say goodbye to seniors Danielle Sharek, Murielle Ryan and Kristina Carroll. Even though there are many girls leaving, juniors Diana Howat, Teresa Frappalo, Hannah Devlin and Julia Borges have already formed leadership roles and are stepping up to the plate.

The 2011-2012 season, although not the most successful, has been one of the most fun and exciting seasons yet. This was the first fall season for the team and was an entry into the Head of the Charles Regatta. This spring, we were able to enter more boats in the Northeast Regional Regatta than ever before. The team is looking strong heading into the fall and will continue to push its boundaries. Good luck next year, ladies!



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E BRIAN COYNE

PARENT '12



*Gratulationes  
Macte virtute esto!*

*Chris, Laura and Ned*

*Love, Diane and Bob '71 Mary and Bill Sue and Peter '71  
Isabelle, Sean, Suzanne, Jack and Will*

# FAREWELLS

## President Vanya Zvonar



When you all are reading this, it will have been 16 days since we last took a class at BLS. And it already feels like it's incredibly far away, doesn't it? Yet the beginning six years ago sometimes seems like it was just yesterday. From getting lost in the sixie hallways, to running to make sure we were never late for class, to leisurely wandering the hallways towards the end of our BLS careers, we've all changed a lot and come a long way. We've reminisced for a while now and remembered all the good and bad times we've had at BLS over and over again, so I think I'll make my last remarks about the future brief.

Just as we've all learned to procrastinate doing our homework, many of us will procrastinate in our return to BLS in the near future

(or ever, for that matter). Life is going to lead us on so many different rollercoasters that we're going to forget to look back at the time when we were waiting to get in line for the ride. But as much as some of us want to sever our ties with BLS forever, we can't forget where we came from and what BLS has taught us (yes, as much as learning about Chinese pottery in world history seems irrelevant to our futures, BLS has taught us many useful things).

We've lived our lives at BLS in a unique way that will forever leave a mark (whether it be a black one or not) on its walls. I expect us all to continue living our lives in the same way. Wherever the Class of 2012 goes, we make an impact. So many people dream big and

act small, but we dream big and act bigger. The BLS class of 2012 was not meant to live in a shadow or a dark hole to dig itself out of (although I think we have even managed to accomplish that).

So as you move on from BLS, just stop for one second and think of one or several unforgettable moments you've had at BLS. Take that memory, and put it somewhere where you can often revisit smile with content. You don't have to love BLS, but you have to hold onto a small part of it, whatever that may be, in your memories. It's been a pleasure knowing all of you and I wouldn't have had these past six years pass by in any other way. Remember who we are, and let's live our lives to the fullest. See you around 2012!

## Vice President Bridgette Nee



How do I write a farewell address to the class of 2012? It's surreal to be sitting down right now doing this. This entire year has been surreal, actually, and I think you agree as well. As I try to write this I realize it's going to be extremely hard not to be cliché and corny, but as I told you before, if you know me well then you know that's what I am.

I'll start by saying thanks. Thank you, class of 2012, for the best six years of my existence (not that eighteen years is long, but still). I've learned so, so much not only in classrooms, but from all of you. I've met so many different people from so many different backgrounds here, and my experiences with you have shaped me and helped me grow into the person that I am today. You've constantly made me challenge myself and you've made me laugh all the time. For that, I am eternally grateful to everybody.

I hope that I have in some

way made your experiences at BLS better, even if it was by doing something as simple as giving you a smile or saying hi as you walked down the hallway. I truly hope that I've helped you enjoy your senior year and I hope that I've been everything you wanted, or at least some of what you wanted, in a vice president.

I'm not the best at saying goodbye or even ending a conversation, as you might know if you've talked to me, so it's very difficult to end this farewell. I know everyone has had many different experiences at BLS, some great, some not so great. Despite the natures of your experiences, I hope that you try to always remember how this institution and the people in your class, the class of 2012, have shaped you into who you are now. As I've said before, you've all influenced me and helped me grow into who I am today. It has truly been a pleasure to get to know all

of you during the past six or four years.

If you're feeling down, remember the good times we've had together over the years. We've truly left our mark on Schola Latina Bostoniensis. Once again, thank you, 2012. It's been real. It's been fun. It's been "ratchet". It's been a blast. At times it's made me feel insane, but I wouldn't change a thing if I could.

In the words of Adele, who would have known how bitter-sweet this would taste? Next year, wherever you are, remember how important it is to be kind to whomever you meet. Remember what you've learned here. Remember not to take life too seriously. Remember the people you've met here and remember the unbelievable experiences you shared. It's not goodbye. It's a see you again sometime. #YOLO #SENIOR12S #YOUKNOWYOUWAN-NABEONETWO!

## Treasurer Kevin Liang



my face when I saw a rabbit hanging out on my front lawn. After I rubbed my eyes a couple times to make sure I wasn't hallucinating,

I took a photo of it on my phone and sent it to a few buddies, expecting replies along the lines of "There are rabbits in Boston?!" or "Nice Photoshop skills, dude!" Unfortunately, I had a rude awakening when I received the following: "Are you stupid? How did you get into college...?" and "Is this a joke? You really thought there weren't rabbits in Boston? I thought Asians were smart..." Sometimes I truly wonder how I got into BLS and managed to survive six years in this place.

I know it is so cliché, but it's true: your time at BLS truly does fly by. I still remember sitting in the auditorium as a sixie when Headmaster Cornelia Kelley started with her "look to your left, look to your right" spiel. I recall being harassed by a couple seniors (who seemed like giants at the time) on Sixie Rush Day. I will never forget the time when Ms. Fernandes gave me my first misdemeanor mark for

chewing gum in her "Fundamentals of Music" class. Even though I pretended like I didn't care, I admit it: my heart sunk and I was petrified of getting into trouble. Now, I look back at it all with a smile.

I wouldn't have been able to reach this point without the tremendous help of some very special people. First, I would like to thank my family. Thank you, Mom, for putting up with me, for supporting me, and for loving me unconditionally. Thank you, Dad, for pushing me to strive for excellence. Thank you, Sandy, for being an incredible sister, mentor, and role model. You have protected me for the past 18 years, and guided me onto the path for success. Without my family, I would be nothing, let alone where I am today.

Next, I would like to thank the BLS staff and faculty who supported me through my years here at BLS. Special shout-outs to Mr. Bildeau, Ms. Burke, Ms. Chouinard, Ms. Elliott, Ms. Esteve, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Gomez, Senora Kelley, Ms. LeDang, Mr. Spezzano, Mr. Southwick, Ms. Sylvester, Ms. Wong, and Dr. Yu. Each

of you made a significant impact on my high school career at BLS, and I thank you for being absolutely phenomenal teachers, guidance counselors, and career specialists.

Finally, I would like to thank my friends and classmates for being simply amazing. To the notorious downright sexy Class of 2012: congratulations. You survived your years here at BLS. You didn't collapse under the weight of 500 textbooks in your backpack, you didn't drown in the pool on the fifth floor, and you weren't attacked by vampires (this is the last time I'll bring it up, I promise.)

I wish you all the best of luck with your future endeavors, and I hope you won't forget Kevin Kaching-Kachang Liang (don't forget, silent "i") when you all become senators, CEOs, supermodels, and celebrities. You all are the world's future leaders, and it is truly an honor to say that I spent my high school years with you. Please stay in touch, and I look forward to all of your future accomplishments. Until then, call me, maybe?

Up until two weeks ago, I was completely ignorant to the fact that woodland creatures (besides squirrels, of course) roamed the streets of Boston. Thus, you can imagine the look of surprise on

# FAREWELLS

## Valedictorian Anumita Das



Two weeks ago at this time, I was a sleep-deprived high school student, cramming to finish studying the last fifty-five chapters of the Campbell's Biology text-

book, haphazardly compiling materials for the umpteen projects due during senior week and taking five-minute cat naps to power myself through it all. If you asked me if I would miss high school, I would have responded with a definitive NO. Today is June 1, 2012. I have been back to school three times since May 25, and I confess I miss it already. I miss the sound of the school bell. I miss the frantic four-minute dash from one class to the next. I miss the random filing times (8:55, 9:44, 10:33, 11:22, 12:35, 1:25, 2:15) that only BLS would have. I miss the late-night Final Fridays of Argo production weeks. I miss the Public Declamations, Asian Nights and Music Nights. I miss the five-hour long Mock Trial meetings, spent poring over the casebook and getting easily distracted. And yes, I even miss the tacky purple lockers and the purple locks. I miss it all. I can't believe it. It's all over. Though at the time it seemed like the minute hand was frozen at 7:45 am, now it seems as if it is spinning beyond control like the propellers of a helicopter, and I am finding

myself wishing that it would slow down a bit so that I can absorb it all.

For you underclassmen, I will leave you my two cents. We go to one of the best high schools in the nation. Amid the piles of homework and papers and projects and exams, sometimes we do not realize what amazing opportunities we have available to us as BLS students and how lucky we are to have them. Hence, I encourage you to take advantage of them. Opportunities are ubiquitous, and they are meaningless if not taken. Find your passion. For me, it was Mock trial, Argo, Declamation, Register and Viola. They have helped me grow as a person, and they have given me the best education, the best friendships and best memories I will always remember and cherish when I look back at my high school years.

Before I bid farewell to the Schola Latina Bostoniensis, I would like to thank all the faculty members of BLS who have helped me throughout the years. Thank you Ms. Wong for being my best friend, Ms. Cousens for being my guardian an-

gel, Mr. Flynn for being superman, Mr. Montague for answering my numerous questions, Ms. LeDang for teaching me how to breathe Latin, Mr. Balicki for fostering my love of chemistry, Mr. Bilodeau for helping me conquer Calculus, Mrs. Myette for being the sweetest and kindest teacher, Mr. Sanford for teaching me how to write, Ms. Holm for teaching me how to speak and of course, my parents for being my personal cheerleaders.

Last, but not the least, I would like to thank Class of 2012, the best class there ever was, is and will be. We have been through a lot together. We survived the swine flu. We survived the vampires. We survived the fires. We survived it all. No matter where we go or what we do we will always be connected by our shared time at BLS, and you know what—that's pretty darn special. Congratulations to not the reckless, not the infamous, but the classy, the brilliant, the invincible Boston Latin School Class of 2012! We did it. I wish you all the best for your bright and amazing futures.

## Secretary Jillian Baker



Can you believe it? Six years finished. It seems like just yesterday that we were scared sixies, looking up at the seniors like they were the coolest thing on the planet. I remember my first day at Boston Latin School, walking into my homeroom (shout out to 226!). I was so

afraid that I wouldn't make any friends. I was awkwardly tall and had oval glasses and floppy ears, not to mention a ton of acne (or so I thought...#FAIL); but that day, not only did my whole homeroom get lost and go to R3 instead of R2, bringing us closer together, but I also met my best friend, Jessica Charles, in the lunch line. I asked her how much lunch cost, thinking she was at least a 9th grader. (She thought I was a creep.) You all know you have some awkwardly funny stories like that, so don't judge me, haha.

Fast forward to 2012, and look how far we've come. We're all still the nerds of Boston (jk...but really though), but we have overcome so much. We stand here now, the graduating class of 2012, ready to face the world. We have grown so much over the last six years and now it is time for one chapter of our lives to close, and another one to open. The fact that I won't see the 390 of you all together again is so sad. I will miss every single one of you.

This class is very special and I want to let you know how extremely proud I am of all of you. Thank you for being a

part of this phase of my life. You have taught me so much about life, friendship, strength, and perseverance. I think that it's important that at this moment, when you read this, you stop and realize this: "I'm graduating from high school. I made it through Boston Latin School. My journey into adulthood...starts now." This celebration season is happening so fast that we forget to stop and think about what is actually about to happen.

I will never be able to find the right words to describe it. Really, right now, I just want to bust out and starting singing Vitamin C's "as we go on, we remember, all the times we've, had together. And as our lives change, come whatever, we will still be friends forever." Although it may not seem like it right now, at graduation you'll understand. We're family. The Boston Latin School Class of 2012 is a family that you'll remember for the rest of your lives. When you're off doing great things, you'll understand that BLS helped prepare you for a rewarding life. When Dominick Zheng is off winning the Nobel Prize, Eshe Sherley is running one of the biggest

NGOs in the world, Taesha Jobson is on the Milan runways, James Burke's album is going double-platinum (with my management of course), Vanessa Caban is doing humanitarian work around the world, George Lok is the head of Lok Enterprises, or the rest of all 390 of you is succeeding; know that I will smile and applaud you. You are all going to do great things. Never forget how great you are. This life journey is not easy, but never lose faith in yourself.

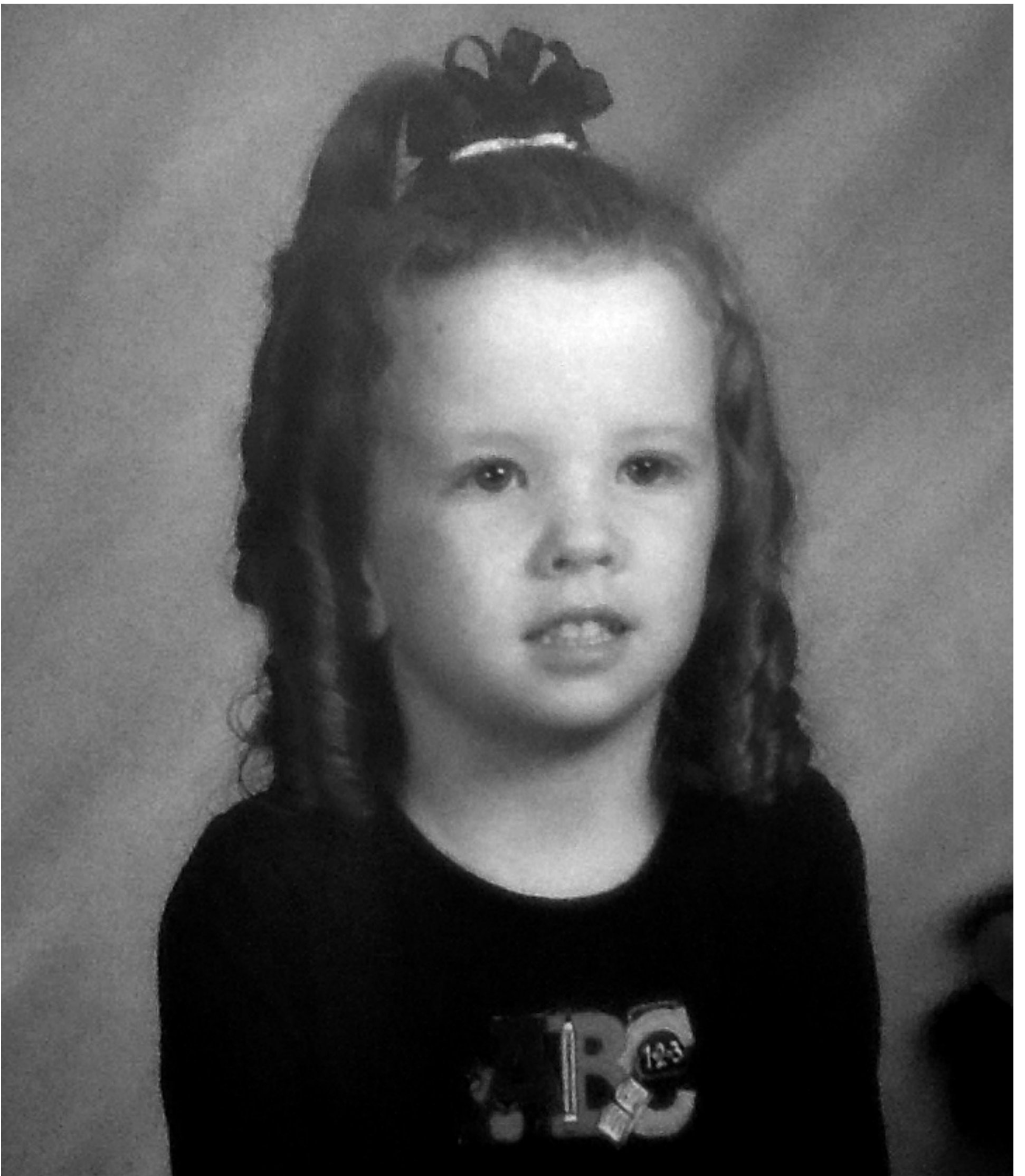
Again, I thank you for such a wonderful six years, filled with cherished memories, and I thank Boston Latin for being such a transformative force in my life. I look forward to the future and I hope that you take this message with you:

"Do not let your fire go out, spark by irreplaceable spark in the hopeless swaps of the not-quite, the not-yet, and the not-at-all. Do not let the hero in your soul perish in lonely frustration for the life you deserved and have never been able to reach. The world you desire can be won. It exists... it is real... it is possible... it's yours."-Ayn Rand

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2012!

*We Love Each One Of You Individually.  
We Feel That You All Have Brightened Our Days,  
Especially When They Were Darkest.  
At Graduation, Know That We Will Be Watching, Weeping.  
Not In Sadness, But In Joy.*

ABAJUEUMEH, KC	UMass Amherst	DRAKE, SEIJAH	Undecided	LEE, VANESSA	UMass Amherst	RIORDAN, DEVIN	UMass Amherst
ABDUSSABUR, ISHMAEL	Becker C	DROSER, WILLIAM	Hobart & William Smith C	LEE, YUEN CHUN	Boston U	RODRIGUEZ, JORGE	Suffolk U
ADAMS,JAMESWILSON	Bridgewater State U	DU, WENDY	Carnegie Mellon U	LEGENDRE, ALEXANDER	UMass Dartmouth	ROJAS, CARLOS	Undecided
AFOGHO, BARBARA	UMass Amherst	DUGGAN,JACK	Stonehill C	LEHAR, EDWARD	Knox C	ROLLINS, RUBY	U of Rhode Island
AHLUWALIA, AJAY	UMass Amherst	EARLY, SEAN	UMass Lowell	LEMON, HANNAH	Boston U	ROSARIO, RHONNY	St. Lawrence U
AITIRHLI, HATIM	Union C	ELVIN, PATRICK	Undecided	LENANE, MICHAEL	Mass Maritime	RUDZINSKI, ISABEL	UMass Amherst
ALLEGRO, MAYA	Tufts U	ENCARNACAO, ANTONIO	UMass Amherst	LEONARD, NAOMI	MCLA	RYAN, MURIEL	C of the Holy Cross
ALLOCCA, ROSE	Boston U	ENGLISH, SAMUEL	UMass Lowell	LEUNG, TSZHIMJOSHUA	Tufts U	SANCHEZ, TALIA	UMass Dartmouth
AN, SHI	MIT	ESTES-SMARGLA, DAVID	Stevens IT	LEWIS, RUDOLPH	Mount Ida C	SCHEELE, NATHAN	UMass Amherst
ANTOINE, JAMES	UMass Boston	FAHY, KATRIONA	Boston U	LEYTONNOLAN, TOMAS E	Temple U	SEARS, HANNAH	Harvard C
ARAGONES, JORDAN	UMass Amherst	FARROW, ELIAS	Bridgewater State U	LI, DAVE Z	Univ. of Waterloo	SHAREK, DANIELLE	Hawaii Pacific U
ARJUNE, JOBETH	UMass Amherst	FEDERICO, LYDIA E	Harvard C	LI, KRISTEN	Gordon C	SHEA, CONNOR	St. John’s U
ARLAUSKAS, THOMAS	UMass Lowell	FENG, ROSEANNE	Harvard C	LIANG, DANIEL	MCPHS	SHERLEY, ESHE D.	Yale U
ASTVATSATUROV, DAVID	Suffolk U	FERRINI, JONATHAN	Gordon C	LIANG, GEORGE	UMass Lowell	SIMMONS, FELICIA	Northeastern U
BAKER, JILLIAN	U of Southern California	FERSTLER, KEVIN	UMass Amherst	LIANG, KEVIN	Harvard C	SIMPSON, MALCOLM	UMass Lowell
BAKOLAS, YIANNIS	UMass Boston	FINN, BRANDON	Boston U	LIANG, LILIAN	Boston U	SINGLETARY, JUSTIN	Wilbraham & Monson A.
BALL, CHRISTOPHER	Framingham State U	FITZPATRICK, ROBERT	Harvard C	LIN, JUN YU	Boston C	SITU, SAM	UMass Lowell
BAMFO, KAHRAM	Boston C	FLAHERTY, DANIEL	Wentworth IT	LIN, LILY	Harvard C	SMITH, DANIELLE	Boston U
BARDEN, LESLIE	UMass Amherst	FLATTERY, KELSEY	Boston U	LIN, LUYAN	UMass Amherst	SOLDZ, ISAAC	UMass Dartmouth
BARRY, DAVID	U of Colorado at Boulder	FLYNN, COLIN	St. Anselm College	LIU, JONATHAN	Boston U	SOTO, JOSEPH	Mass Art
BELLO, JOANNA	Framingham State U	FOK, DIANA	UMass Amherst	LIU, JUN	Boston C	SOTOGONZALEZ, JOHANNA	Lasell C
BEMIS, EVAN	UMass Amherst	FORDE, DANIELLE	UMass Amherst	LIU-KRASON, LILY	Columbia U	SPACK, ANNA	Clark U
BEND, ALTIA	Suffolk U	FORINA, NICOLE	Salem State U	LOFTIN, ADRIANA	MCPHS	SPINNEY, ALEXIA	U of Vermont
BENDER, JAMES	U of Colorado at Boulder	FULLAM, SHAYLA	Southern New Hampshire U	LOK, GEORGE	Harvard C	STEPHENS, KADINE	UMass Lowell
BENNET, PAOLA	New York U	FUSHA, BRIKENO	Bridgewater State U	LU, ROGER S	Dartmouth C	STRATTON, JONATHAN	Marine Corps
BENOV, SASHA	Harvard C	GAETA, GABRIELLA	Johnson & Wales U	LUC, JASON	Boston U	SU, CINDY	MCPHS
BERBERI, ROMINA	Boston U	GALLOGLY, ROSE	Clark U	LUI, EDDIE	Suffolk U	SULLIVAN, LAURA	UMass Amherst
BETANCES, ANTHONY	Emerson C	GAMPALA-SAGAR, SHANNON	UMass Boston	LYDON, CHRISTOPHER	UMass Lowell	SWAINSMITH, MATTHEW	Boston C
BLANCOSANTANA, GISELLE	Boston U	GAO, TAN	Boston U	LYNCH, CONAL	Phillips A.Andover	SWEENEY, PETER	Fairfield U
BLIDMAN, ANDREY	Boston U	GARRO, ASHA	Howard U	MA, DALTON	Boston U	TA, RENEE HUANG	UMass Amherst
BOONE, MADISON	UMass Amherst	GATES, JAVON	Boston C	MAHMOOD, TAYMIAH	Boston U	TAN, JACK	MCPHS
BOUCHER, JACQUELINE	Bridgewater State U	GAUDET, STEPHEN	Mass Bay CC	MAKOVKINA, EUGENIA	Harvard C	TAN, KATHERINE	Wentworth IT
BOWEN, ANYA	The George Washington U	GILBERT, GABRIELLA	Columbia U	MARCILLO, CRISTINA	St. Francis U	TANG, JESSICA	U of Toronto
BOYD, LISA	Lasell C	GILMORE, KIMBERLY	Bowdoin C	MARTINEZ, ALEJANDRO	Salem State U	TANG, VINCENT	Boston C
BOYLAN, MOLLY	UMass Amherst	GOVER, CASEY	UMass Amherst	MASCOOP, DANIEL	MIT	TARANTINO, DIONICY	UMass Boston
BROWN, KEVIN	UMass Amherst	GRASSO, ZACHARY	Hofstra U	MAYER, ABIGAIL M	Yale U	TARANTINO, KATELYNM	UMass Boston
BROWNE, SHIKARI	U of Colorado at Boulder	GUITTY, RUDI	Xavier U of Louisiana	MAZAEV, BAUDY	Boston U	TAYLOR, JASMINE	UMass Amherst
BUCHANAN, WILLIAM	Bennington C	HA, BAO	Boston U	MCCANN, KEVIN	UMass Amherst	TAYLOR, KIMANI	Lasell C
BUCK, ISAAC	Harvard C	HAINES, IAN	Earlham C	MCCAUGHEY, CAROLINE	Villanova U	TAYLORKELLEY, DARRIA	U of New Hampshire
BUCKLEY, LAUREN	Quinnipiac U	HALLINAN, TYLER	Nichols C	MCCORMICK, MOLLY	UMass Amherst	TAYO, OLAITAN A	UMass Dartmouth
BURAIMOH, YETUNDE	St. John’s U	HAMEL, ELI	Framingham State U	MCCORMICK, OLIVIA	Boston U	TEAHAN, PATRICK J	UMass Amherst
BURGOS, CLINTON	The U of Texas, Austin	HASTINGS, ERIN	Fairfield U	MCCOURT, JOSEPH	College of the Holy Cross	TELLIS, OLIVIA	Boston C
BURKE, JAMES	Fitchburg State U	HE, RUOLIN	Amherst C	MCCOY, KATHERINE	Boston C	THOMAS, AMBER	Pace U, New York City
BURKE, LUCYANNA	Harvard C	HECHAVARRIA, EMILY	Suffolk U	MCDONNELL, ANNIE	Merrimack C	THOMPSON, NISA	Sarah Lawrence C
BURNS, LYDIA	Colgate U	HEISER, HANNAH	UMass Amherst	MCKIE, MICHAEL	Boston C	TIMPERI, EVAN	McDaniel C
BUTLER, SHANNON	UMass Boston	HERMIDA, COLE T	UMass Amherst	MCLAUGHLIN, GABRIEL	Fitchburg State U	TOMPKINS, CAITLIN	Georgetown U
CABAN, VANESSA	UMass Boston	HERNANDEZ, DAVID	UMass Amherst	MEDEIROS, GABRIELA	Boston U	TOOMEY, JAKE	Bentley U
CAHILL, CAMPBELL	UMass Amherst	HERNANDEZGINA, ASHLEY	AI Boston	MELO, TATIANA	Bentley U	TORPEY, JAMES	Fairfield U
CALDERA, CAITLIN	Arizona State U	HEXTER, LILLIAN	Macalester C	MILLER, RYAN	Bridgewater State U	TORRES, MILEENA	Regis C
CALDWELL, JULIA ANN	Providence C	HEXTER, NORA	Occidental C	MOEN, WILHELMINA	Boston C	TOUMA, FREDDY	Mass Bay CC
CALLAHAN, BRIANNA	Siena C	HIGGINS, CONNOR	UMass Lowell	MOLLOY, MEAGHAN	Fairfield U	TRAN, ANVY	Juniata C
CARABALLO, DANIEL	Wentworth IT	HILAIRE, BIANCA	Lesley U	MOSS, BENJAMIN	Bard C	TRAN, CHRISTINE	Northeastern U
CARNEY, GRACE	Bennington C	HINES, DAVID	Undecided	MOY, ANDY	Northeastern U	TRAN, EDWIN	MCPHS
CARNEY, JOHN	Northeastern U	HO, DAVID	Suffolk U	MULRY, JAMES III	Northeastern U	TRAN, THI	UMass Amherst
CARROLL, KRISTINA	Emerson C	HO, KATHLEEN	UMass Amherst	MURPHY, CIARA	Temple U	TREON, ROSE	UMass Amherst
CASTELLANO, BETHANY	Southern Conn.State U	HO, LINH	UMass Amherst	MURPHY, COLIN	Quinnipiac U	TRUJILLO, DENNIS	UMass Amherst
CASTILLO, ANGELA	UMass Amherst	HOAC, SANDY	UMass Amherst	MURPHY, MELISSA	UMass Lowell	TRUONG, AN	Babson C
CAWLEY, MICHAEL	UMass Dartmouth	HOBAN, COURTNEY	UMass Amherst	NASTI, CHRISTOPHER	UMass Amherst	TRUONG, MINH	UMass Amherst
CHANG, EMILY	Princeton U	HOSSAIN, RASHAD	Harvard C	NAUGHTON, JAMES	Fairfield U	VELASQUEZ, DANTE	Boston U
CHANG, JAIMIE	Boston C	HU, JINMING	Georgia IT	NEE, BRIDGETTE	Clark U	VENTOLA, RACHEL	Quinnipiac U
CHARLES, JESSICA	UMass Lowell	HUANG, JASON	UPenn Wharton	NGUYEN, ANGEL	Gordon C	VERDERICO, JAMES	Norwich U
CHARVES, JAMES	Wentworth IT	HUANG, JENNY	MCPHS	NGUYEN, DUYN	Tufts U	VIVAS, SEBASTIAN	UMass Amherst
CHAU, HILLARY	UMass Amherst	HUGHES, MARGUERITE	Rochester IT	NGUYEN, KIMBERLY	Boston U	WALL, KRISTEN	Framingham State U
CHEN, LISA (Yi Lin)	Mass Art	HUSAIN, KINZA	UMass Amherst	NGUYEN, TIN	Boston U	WANG, LINDA	UMass Amherst
CHENG, TERESA	Boston U	HUYNH, EVA	MCPHS	NILES, MAKAEALA	UMass Boston	WANG, MENGNING	Harvard C
CHERY, MARCUS	Salem State U	HUYNH SANDYBAOTRAN	UMass Amherst	NORTON, ZARINA	U of Rochester	WANG, WINNIE	Boston U
CHOWDHURY, NISAT	Simmons C	IACOI, JULIA	Providence C	O'BRIEN, MATTHEW	Bridgewater State U	WELLS, CHRISTINE	U of Hartford
CHU, CALVIN	UMass Dartmouth	ISAZA, ANGIE	Bucknell U	O'CONNELL, MICHAEL	Boston C	WEN, NANA	Lesley U
CHU, ROSEANNA	Boston C	IVANOVA, IVANA	UMass Boston	OCCEUS, SETH	Northeastern U	WEST, MICHELA	UMass Boston
CIERI, ASHLEIGH	Curry C	JARNES, VANESSA	U of Maryland, C Park	ODEWALE, ADERONKE	MCPHS	WHITE, EMILY	Emerson C
CLIFFORD, JOHANNAH	Undecided	JEAN, YGORSUNNY	UMass Amherst	OKEEFE, RYAN	Stonehill C	WOJEWODZIC, MICHAEL	UMass Boston
COHEN, TYLER	Lasell C	JENKINS, THOMAS	Temple U	OKOLITA, GEORGIA	UMass Amherst	WOLFLINK, ERIK	Boston U
COLEMAN, KARON	MCPHS	JIANG, ELIZABETH	Harvard C	OLEARY, AISLING	Plymouth State U	WOLNY, EVE	Deferred for one year
CONNORS, RORY	UMass Dartmouth	JOBSON, TAESHA	Framingham State U	PAN, YISHENG	UMass Amherst	WOLSFELT, RACHEL	Duke U
CONWAYPEARSON, LIAM	Northwestern U	JOYCE, KARA E	Champlain C	PARK, REBECCA	Harvard C	WONG, KAREN	Simmons C
CORBETT, WILLIAM	Harvard C	KADZIS, PETER	U of Maine	PETTIPAS, BRADFORD	Worcester Academy	WONG, LORI	Wellesley C
CORNISH, CHRISTINE	Boston U	KALAPURAKKEL, SREEJA	Harvard C	PHAN, YEN	UMass Boston	WONG, PAUL	UMass Lowell
COSTELLO, AMANDA	UMass Amherst	KEENAN, KELLIE	Bunker Hill CC	PHONG, ANDREW	Suffolk U	WOODS, AMBER	Gordon C
COTRONE, KEVIN	Northfield Mt. Hermon S	KELLEY, SEAN	UMass Lowell	PHU, PAULINA	Boston U	WOODS, LAUREN	UMass Amherst
COYNE, GABRIELLA	The George Washington U	KERR, AISLING	Bentley U	PICARIELLO, TARYN	Salem State U	WU, AMANDA	MCPHS
CROWLEY, BRENDAN	UMass Boston	KIANG, JUSTIN	U of California, Los Angeles	PITTS, MATTHEW	Berklee C of Music	WU, GLORIA	UMass Amherst
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CURRY, SEAN	Bentley U	KOUVCHINOV, DAVID	UMass Amherst	PLATT, CAMILLE	Newbury C	WYNN, GEORGIANNA	Trinity C
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DEANGELO, PATRICK	UMass Lowell	LAMB, ANIKA	Framingham State U	QIU, HALLIE	UMass Amherst	YU, MATTHEW	UMass Boston
DEAUNA, JOSEPH	Boston C	LAMPRON, MARYKATE	U of New Hampshire	RAMOS, JOANNA	UMass Boston	ZENG, HAIXIN	Harvard C
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DELMUTO, JACQUELINE	Harvard C	LAZARE, CHET	Lasell C	RICCIO, KRISTINA	Northeastern U	ZHU, JESSICA	Boston U
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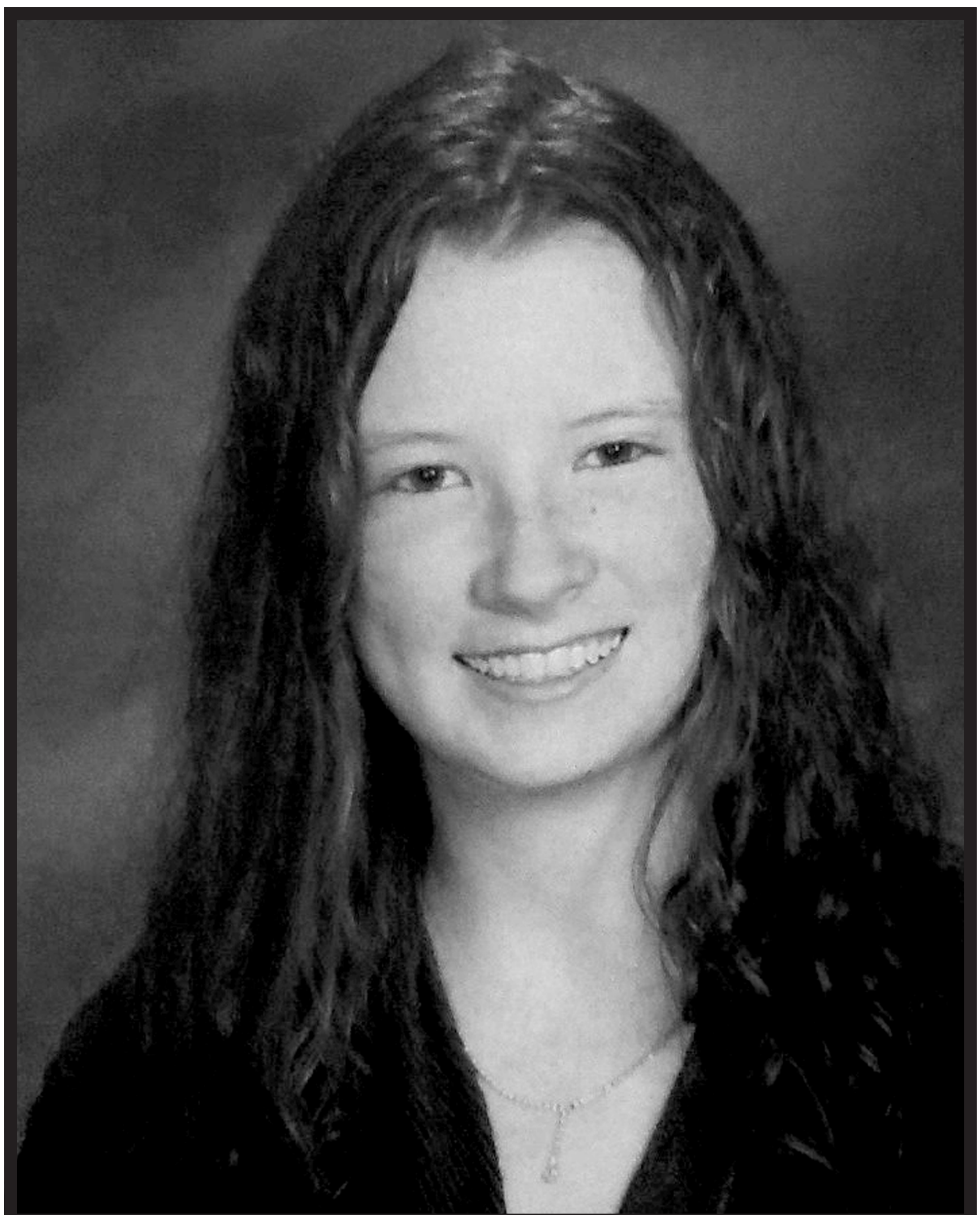
*IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN BECOME IT*

**Congratulations Kristina and the Class of 2012**

*Love,*

*Mom, Dad, Kathleen and Ciara*

*Congratulations,*  
**Kristina and the Class of 2012!**



**GOOD LUCK AT EMERSON!**

*Love,*  
*Nana, Manny, Auntie and Barbara*

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

## Rachel Wolsfelt



By **CLAIRE ZIMMERMAN, I**  
&  **AISLING KERR, I**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Chances are you’ve seen the infamous Rachel Wolsfelt walking through the halls. With her nearly six-foot, magnificently muscled frame, bright blonde hair and sporting some type of Duke Blue Devils apparel, it’s not too hard to snatch this homegrown prodigy out of a crowd. Whether we’ve spotted her filling up her mega-sized Nalgene bottle at the water fountain or heard one of her adoring fans scream “Snaaaaaaatch” down the hallway, let’s face it, we all get a little star struck when we catch a glimpse of this superstar. Rachel has been a proud member of the Winthrop Street Gang of Charlestown since birth, and has managed to make quite a name for herself as the second half of the notorious Townie Towers.

Both in and out of the classroom, Rachel has consistently excelled since Boston Latin School was first graced with her presence back in September 2006 when she became one of the tallest sixies in history. Since the seventh grade there have been stacks of purple Ap-

probation with Distinction cards littering the Wolsfelts’ kitchen table, but soon, letters, brochures and pamphlets from dozens of prestigious colleges that sought to capture this Golden Snatch joined these purple cards. In the eighth grade, Rachel began her athletic career at Boston Latin, joining the volleyball and novice crew teams. She proved to be quite the force on the volleyball court, but when spring came around, she found her true calling.

It quickly became obvious that Rachel had a real talent for crew as she surged to the top of her novice team and after a few years outgrew (no pun intended) the public school level of competition, taking her talents to the highly regarded club team Community Rowing, Inc. (CRI). Rachel continued to define athleticism, dedication and excellence, never missing a single 10-mile Saturday morning run at 7 A.M., despite the demands of the Townie Tower lifestyle. In September, Rachel put an end to the vicious fighting that had been tear-

ing apart Division 1 athletic departments all across the nation as she finally made a decision to commit to rowing at Duke University in North Carolina.

I’m sure Duke will be nothing compared to Winthrop Street, but I’m also sure Duke will never have seen anything compared to Rachel. Whether she ends up as a Southern belle continuing her Queen Yuppie ways and ruling the country clubs or comes back to her hard-knock roots in Charlestown to pursue a career in physical therapy, Rachel will most certainly be snatching up life successes for many years to come. The Townie Tower legacy will continue to live on in infamy, and Rachel will continue to be Snatchin’ All Over the World. On a more sentimental note, I don’t know how I’m going to function without my other half; we will have to find a Friendly’s between our schools. Rach, you’ve been my best friend and sister for 18 years, and I know you are going to kill it at Duke.

## Michael Lenane



By **MARY-KATE LAMPRON, I**  
& **JAKE TOOMEY, I**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Michael John Lenane. I can't count how many times I've heard his mother scream his full name at the top of her lungs out of fury, or how many times I've heard “MICHAUUL” screamed down the hallway by many of his female stalkers. That's why it's so bizarre to me that his parents almost named him Nelson.

Mike is the most competitive person that I know. Whether it's in a baseball game, or in an argument, Mike goes to extreme means to win. As an athlete, Mike's prowess on the field leaves everyone amazed. At the beginning of the year, he decided on a whim that he would play football for the first time. After only a short period of time, he became the starting running back, running for touchdowns as if he'd played his whole life. From the days of Cedar Grove Little League, Mike has been a baseball phenomenon. He can hit the ball a mile, pitch with accuracy and speed and run the bases like Benny “The Jet” Rodriguez. With a nickname like that, it's

no wonder he's going to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy next year to play baseball.

Michaul is the type of person that will bring you a McFlurry at strange hours of the night when he knows you've had a bad day. He's the type of person that will turn the radio up as loud as it will go and sing his own lyrics to Whitney Houston's “I Will Always Love You” in the middle of Dot Ave. He's the type of person that will take a swim in Carson Beach in the middle of February just because his best friend dared him to. He's the type of kid that would ask his own girlfriend to prom on the radio just to show everyone else up. He's the type of person that would rather poke his eyes out than watch a girls' hockey game but still comes to your games because he loves you... and because he knows you won't shut up about it until he does.

But don't let him fool you into thinking he's a sweetheart. He's also the type of person that switches the seats in the back of his car

so that they face each other, forcing awkward conversations and awkward eye contact on the drive to school. He's the type of person that will convince you to go get ice cream while he conveniently forgets his money at home. He's the type of person that buys you gross flavored gum when you tell him to get you something delicious from the truck. He's also the type of person that refuses to attend a sailing meet, even if he loves you and even if you won't shut up about it until he does.

If you haven't had the pleasure of talking to Michaul in the past six years, I can't promise he won't be a little creeped out at first, but walk right up to him and introduce yourself. Also, if you're missing any gnomes from your front lawn, that would be an awesome conversation starter.

I am proud and honored to have Mike as a best friend and to consider him more than that, a brother.

Good luck at Mass Maritime next year. I love you Michauul.....MIIIIIKE!

## Courtney Hoban



By **LAURA SULLIVAN, I**  
**MOLLY McCORMICK, I**  
& **CLODAGH LANE, I**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Having Courtney as one of the four Westie Girls has truly been an honor over the past six years. It's not very often that you come across a girl who literally has everything: blonde hair, blue eyes, athleticism, good grades, tons of friends and is always ready to have a good time.

Courtney is one of the most athletic girls in our grade. She has been playing three sports at Boston Latin since the seventh grade. She was co-captain of the volleyball and basketball teams and a DCL All-Star for the softball and volleyball teams. I remember in the seventh grade when Courtney convinced me to go to volleyball tryouts, even though neither of us had ever played before. We got to tryouts and I almost left, but Courtney convinced me to stick with it, and I literally cannot thank her enough for that. When it comes to volleyball, Courtney is an amazing outside hitter. Her “Stomp The Yard” hitting approach allows her to smash the ball so hard that it strikes fear into the hearts of

all of her opponents and even her teammates. In basketball, Courtney is crazy on defense; she must've averaged at least five steals per game this season. And last but not least, Courtney is the designated hitter for the Varsity softball team and hits balls out of the park with ease (even though she doesn't always touch every base).

Courtney's backside disproves all stereotypes about white girls, but even more noticeable than that is her distinct laugh that literally echoes throughout the halls. This piercing laugh may be offensive to some, but to those who really know her, they see it as one of her many quirks. Her laugh has come to represent her personality as a whole; it parallels her infectious love of life. Don't let her emo tweets fool you (@boozycou). Her laugh causes her peers to flock from miles away, as they are mysteriously drawn to her charismatic qualities and actions. Despite her welcoming personality, Courtney is not one to be told what to do. Just remember: when it comes to Courtney, even when you're

right, you're wrong.

As a food lover, Courtney is known to some as the “Pasta Connoisseur.” On any given day, one could find Courtney sipping from her Spongebob cup and guarding her bowl of popcorn as if her life depended on it. If you spent just one day with this self-proclaimed epicure, you would find yourself with a colossal plate of pasta engulfed in Parmesan cheese alongside a purseful of scattered Jolly Ranchers.

Having played on the same sports teams as the dynamic quartet since the Parkway days, we have come to love Courtney for each and every one of her distinguishable idiosyncrasies. We have formed an unbreakable bond. Three of the four Westie Girls, Courtney, Molly and Laura, will be taking their abilities to UMass Amherst, while Clodagh will live out the Chinese dream 91 miles away at Boston College. The distance however, doesn't stand a chance against the Westie Girls. We love you. Peace, Love and Boozy.

## Tyler Hallinan



By **BETHANY CASTELLANO, I**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On May 22, 1994, the Hallinan family was graced with the arrival of Tyler Jeremiah Hallinan. I'm pretty sure that the next day, he started playing sports. At home, Tyler is a loving brother to Brandon, Meghan and Alyssa. Tyler went to elementary school at South Shore Christian Academy with the infamous Gavin, whom is responsible for the friendship that later started between Tyler and me. In the sixth grade, he took the ISEE and was accepted to Boston Latin School where he has been an integral member of the baseball, football and track teams.

The saying “don't judge a book by its cover” was tailor-made for Ty. Don't let his stature fool you; Tyler can outrun the fittest football players on the field. Under the reign of Captain Hallinan, Latin Football had its best record in years. This year, Tyler had the privilege of being named a Dual County League (DCL) All-Star. This is one honor which Tyler is extremely proud of. DCL

All-Stars are named for their excellence in academics and athletics. We all know that Ty accomplished one of the two...but all kidding aside, Ty deserved it more than anyone I know. Thanks to Tyler, I have decided that if I have a son, he will NEVER play football. From the sidelines, I had about 57 heart attacks watching Ty get tossed around. Opposing teams always targeted number 25 because of his unbelievable skills, but even through all of the injuries, bumps and bruises, Ty always returned to the field ready to work even harder than before.

Off the field, he will tell you how useless our cheerleading team is, but he still hasn't let me live down the one game that we didn't go to. So clearly, he doesn't hate us too much. While I'm at it, you're welcome for the countless hours of sign making and gym decorating I did for you. Oh, and the snacks.

I've never met anyone so dedicated and more willing to improve than Tyler

(even though he'll say he had no room for improvement and that he was an example of perfection on the field). Although his talents on the football field are impressive, Tyler is also a star in another sport. Every spring, Ty steps foot onto the baseball diamond. From Parkway Little League to Wolfpack Varsity Baseball, he has always been passionate about America's favorite pastime. Ty's career as the Falcons' quarterback prepared him for playing in the outfield, where he can catch a ball and gun it home to save a run in 3.14 seconds.

Whether you know Tyler as an athlete, the star of the football team or runner-up for “Best Rear View 2012,” you have had the privilege of knowing my best friend. Next year, he will be taking his talents to Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts. 82.4 miles is a little further than the 0.9 that separates us now, and it's going to be a little tough getting used to it. Good luck with everything, Ty! Love you <3

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

## Bella Coyne



By Cate Tompkins, I  
& Devin Riordan, I  
Contributing Writers

Bella Coyne is one of a kind. She’s very easy to pick out of a crowd. She’s the girl with the lip freckle, the new sparkly earrings and the ear-to-ear grin across her face. Anyone who has been lucky enough to get to know Bella knows that she is the sweetest, funniest, most loyal, best friend anyone could ask for. She’s also a genius. With the help from her nearly photographic memory, Bella is (basically) a fluent Spanish teacher, a pro at helping everyone with physics, an excellent pre-calculus tutor and the laziest straight-A student I have ever met. Despite her extreme procrastination and lack of focus, Bella will still become successful at whatever she does, and she’ll do it effortlessly.

Bella is also one of only two seniors on the BLS Varsity Softball

team this year. One of her favorite parts of the softball season is befriending the underclassmen and listening in on freshman and eighth grade drama. You can see her over at Daisy Field laughing and having the time of her life on the bench while cheering for fellow senior Courtney as well as everyone else on the team. Although she may not be the star player, Bella is adored by all her team members.

Whenever she is not at playing softball or slaving away at Ron’s Ice Cream, Bella is usually spending a weekend at one of her best friends’ houses. She is notorious for her nomad lifestyle, moving from house to house each weekend. Whether it’s recording an entire CD of songs with Devin to give to Casey for her birthday (including their own rendi-

tion of Justin Bieber’s “Boyfriend,” which many consider better than the original), telling never-ending stories about the infamous Christian that never fail to make you laugh or riding a scooter for 6.3 miles to visit her best friends, Bella always manages to cheer you up or make your day.

Next year, Bella will be taking her photographic memory abilities to George Washington University in Washington D.C. Luckily, she’ll have her best pal Cate to ride scooters around the capitol with. The rest of her #fam is going to have to make a long-distance relationship work out. They all love her and will miss her, but luckily they can still follow Bella on twitter (@bellacoyne) and check up on her. She’s going to do big things in college and take all of her talents to infinity and beyond!

## Caitlin Tompkins



By Georgianna Wynn, I  
Contributing Writer

Caitlin Marie Tompkins was born on November 29. I will always remember that because of her creative AIM screen name cato1129. Cato and I formally met in the seventh grade when I stumbled upon her lunch table. Little did she know that my father was her coach on the Hill House New York Power team and I was the shy girl who envied her and Tonia Spechier’s friendship. We have been kicking the ball around together ever since as “senior leaders” (note leaders, not captains) of the Boston Latin School soccer team. She also took on the challenge of becoming one of Coach Mar’s superstars and is now an extremely talented track runner. Cate is basically an all-around A; she only has one weakness: chocolate. I am pretty sure she could eat chocolate for weeks straight if she wanted to. But of course, she would get sick and Ryan would probably beat her to it anyways.

If you were to ask Cate where she lives, she would first turn the color pink, then red, then maybe violet and then finally answer shyly, “I don’t really know... ummm... like, sorta in the North End but not really.” Cate, you live in the West End; and yes, I said the color violet. I have never met someone that turns so red when you say anything awkward to her. As a matter of fact, I bet she is red right now as she reads this. She has learned to embrace this quality, along with her identity as the queen of all yuppies. There is never time for Cate to hang out because she is constantly travelling with Ron and Denise to exotic places like Australia and Switzerland. Basically, if you can name the country, she has been there. I have been that lucky friend who gets to join her on some of these trips, during which we happened to meet some Canadians and some cool Long Islanders.

Cate has a very close group of

friends and knows that quality is much more important than quantity. She is always loyal and is always there whenever I need anything. Cate and I can have fun doing absolutely nothing at all. She is always smiling, either in a creepy or sincere way, but her smile is filled with pearly whites regardless. Her freckles tend to come and go with the sun, but she is always an Irish beauty. Do not let that prettiness fool you, though. Cate is also very down-to-earth and focused on her school work. Her agenda book resembles the rainbow, with its millions and millions of purple, pink, blue, red, yellow and green stars. This is just one prime example of her neatness. Also, despite her constant doodling, she has received approbation with distinction every single term for the past six years. Georgetown is very lucky to have my best friend, and I am sure her excellence will be missed here at BLS.

## Bethany Castellano



By Campbell Cahill, I  
Contributing Writer

I first met the beautiful Bethany Castellano in eighth grade when we both tried out for cheerleading. Neither of us made the team that year, but while I moved on to different things, Beth trained hard for tryouts the next year, determined to make the team on her second try. That’s when I first realized how hardworking and passionate she really is.

It’s hard not to notice or to (at least) hear Bethany in the hallways. She’s loud, to say the least, which is probably one of the qualities that makes her such a good cheerleader. If you know Beth at all, you know that cheer is her passion. In fact, from the first day of school until the Thanksgiving game, it’s all she ever talks about. Beth puts her heart into cheer and constantly pushes herself and her teammates to be the best that they

can be. Bethany is definitely not a follower, which is why she was picked to be a captain for the 2011-2012 season. She’s not afraid to say what she’s thinking, and although that sometimes gets her in trouble, it usually works to her advantage.

Beth’s school spirit is unlike any other I’ve ever seen. You can usually find her in a BLS cheer sweatshirt or some other kind of Wolfpack attire (besides the occasional Catholic Memorial sweatshirt she swears she only wears because “It’s her brother’s and it’s comfy”).

I didn’t really become good friends with Beth until this year, and I definitely regret not getting to know her sooner. The two of us love and hate all the same things and make perfect partners in crime. I know that whenever I’m with Beth, whether we’re

just hanging out at her house with her amazing and crazy family or going on some wild adventure, I’m always going to have a good time. She can always make me laugh and cheer me up when I’m in a bad mood.

If you’ve ever talked to Bethany, even only once, I’m sure the name Rob Gronkowski has come up. Beth’s crush on the twenty-three year old, New England Patriots tight end turned into a full-fledged obsession this past year. Beth’s dedication to the things she loves, in this case, Gronk, and perseverance have led her to a couple of retweets and even a few replies from the football hunk on Twitter. The bottom line is, when Bethany Castellano wants something, she goes for it. She puts her whole heart into everything she does and is one of the most amazing people I know. Love you, Beth <3

## Murielle Ryan



By Anna Spack, I  
& Kristina Carroll, I  
Contributing Writers

At some point during your time at Boston Latin School, you may have encountered a girl with one backpack strap twisted on her shoulder, a Gryffindor hat on her head and a heart drawn on the inside of her right hand. If you have ever walked past her, you would have probably heard her humming to herself or singing the lyrics to some obscure song as she saunters down the hallway (unless she is talking to her secret crush Dr. Carroll the Elder). Sometimes she will even be so gracious as to recite these song lyrics to you as if they were part of a normal conversation. But who is this incredibly unique, goddess-like being, you ask? None other than Murielle no-middle-name Ryan.

Murielle is truly not afraid to be herself and enjoys showing the world her inner weirdness, a quality we can all aspire to have. For example, she can often be found making strange noises while simultaneously creating her own interpretive dance, a skill that comes naturally to this carefree gal. If that is not

enough, Murielle will probably also surprise you by inserting some shockingly sophisticated language into the conversation, thanks to the slew of vocabulary she acquired from Mr. Sanford (but do not ask her to spell any of the words), followed by the best possible puns imaginable (“whale, whale, whale”).

While not in school, Murielle may be found on the Charles River rowing her (social) life away at crew practice, reading every Harry Potter book in one month for the 97th time, obsessing over The Hunger Games or whatever song mysteriously popped up on her iPod that day and is now her “favorite song” (many of which she has no recollection of ever downloading), eating cheese at Hannah P-B’s house, chasing “squirrelles” or amazing her friends with her incredibly realistic British accent. She bears her true Leo spirit and left-handedness with pride, and is not afraid to tell you that her wavy-curly hair is indeed dirty-blonde. Murielle is one of most genuinely nice people we know; she

is extremely generous and kind to everyone she meets, even complete strangers. She always has a gorgeous smile on her face, even as she tackles any and all obstacles that life may throw in her way.

Of the many unique qualities that Murielle possesses, one of the most notable is her name. If you met Murielle before eighth grade, you probably knew her as the girl with the (as she described it) “old lady name” or just plain “Muriel.” However, after experiencing an internal revelation that caused her to reevaluate the true meaning of life at the age of thirteen, she proceeded to add an “-le” to the end of her name. To anyone else, these may seem like just two simple letters, but to Murielle, they are an integral part of her identity. We know that the uniqueness of her name and of her personality will continue to carry her through life—and Holy Cross—with happiness, and we are sure that even when she is old she will still be rocking that “-le” with pride. We love you, Murielle!

# SENIOR SURVEYS

## Cristina Marcillo



By ANNIE McDONNELL, I  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Standing tall at four-feet-eleven and three-quarters, Cristina Marcillo will admit with no shame that she has not grown an inch since entering BLS. When we first met in seventh grade, we quickly became best friends, a result of sitting next to each other in nearly every class. Although she hasn't literally grown since then, she definitely has matured into a great person. Cristina is an extremely multi-faceted individual: she is able to subconsciously quote her favorite television shows including "Arrested Development," "30 Rock" and "Parks and Recreation"; she can VTS (Visual Thinking Strategies) the heck out of any piece of artwork; she is a fan of Becquer's poetry; she can explain the plot of any movie that Freddie Highmore is in; and of course, you don't know Cristina until you know that she is a huge John Mayer fan. Like, obsessed.

On a more serious note, I'd like to tell everyone how awesome Cristina really is. No matter what problems or concerns

you might have, Cristina is always willing to help you. Conscientious of others, even those she doesn't really know, she'll instantly befriend you so you're not alone. Cristina is always there when you need her, whether you need help with something or if you just need someone to rant to. She always listens to my random stories and my excessively detailed explanations of my latest obsessions and acts like they are interesting (although oftentimes, they aren't). Cristina is hands down one of the nicest and most genuine people I know.

"Cool and collected" is an apt phrase to describe her. She brings her own unique style and creativity to everything she does and has a way of bringing out the best in others. This can even be seen in her unique sense of humor. She can literally find humor in any situation you put her in, which at times can be inappropriate but will always make you happy – so don't ever talk to her while she's drinking water or milk, because

she's bound to laugh at something you do. If I were to list all of the memorable times I've had with Cristina, this spotlight would be extremely long. So instead, I hope this is able to help you realize how great my best friend really is.

Music is a big part of Cristina's life; she's been in chorus since seventh grade. She also has been a member of the Wolfettes since junior year, adding her soulful style to the group. (Although she dislikes musicals, we were somehow able to salvage our friendship). Cristina is also very involved in other clubs at BLS too. She is an active member in the Bible Club, Amnesty International and BLS ImpACT.

Finally, I just want to say that when you're out in farm country next year, Cris, just remember you'll always be the Lucy to my Ethel, the Sancho Panza to my Don Quixote (represent, AP Spanish Lit!) and of course, my favorite: the Ron Swanson to my Leslie Knope.

## Georgianna Wynn



By CAITLIN TOMPKINS, I  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Georgianna Ross Wynn is not one to go unnoticed. Whether she is taking "selfies" in Europe, tearing it up on the tennis courts or strutting down the hallways showing off her "Best Dressed" title, you cannot miss her. Ever since our very first encounter at a Hill House soccer practice almost eight years ago, I knew that she was not a quiet girl.

Many people are not aware of Georgie's amazing tennis skills. Not only has she been captain of the BLS tennis team for two years in a row, Georgie was named MVP last year and will no doubt win that honor again this year. With her perseverance, dedication and determination to improve, Georgie is a vital member of the team and a role model for everyone. Once she graduates, her younger sister and almost-twin, Amanda, will have big

shoes to fill.

She is not only a star tennis player but also a force to be reckoned with on the soccer field. Georgie and I have played side by side on the BLS team for five years through winning and losing streaks, though mostly the latter. This year, Georgie graciously accepted her role as a "senior leader" on the team and set an example for all. Whether she was communicating on the field or showing off her own "special" dance at our team dinners, Georgie was a major part in making the seasons unforgettable.

Besides being an incredible athlete and being always well-dressed, George is also a great friend. She is probably one of the most honest people I know, and is not afraid to make a fool of herself to cheer you up. She is the type of person that

is always there for you, no matter what. She also likes to keep embarrassing notes given to her in eighth grade so that she can make fun of you five years later, but I can forgive her for that. Georgie's loyalty and straightforward attitude have made her one of the most special people I have met at BLS.

You can find Georgie on the mean streets of Charlestown during the school year or in Jamestown, Rhode Island during the summer (and she claims she's not a yuppie). Next year, Georgie will be attending Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, where, according to Pat and Tyler, there are a lot of cute boys. I know she is going to be successful in whatever she chooses to do and I wish her the best of luck. I love you, Georgie, and I'm going to miss you next year!

# CONGRATULATIONS

# CASEY GOVER!

## We are so proud of you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jacquelyn and Rachel

# Katriona

*Congratulations - we are SO proud of your accomplishments at BLS.*

*Hope you're as happy at BU!*

*A special thanks to all your amazing teachers and mentors.*

*Mum and Dad*

# CONGRATULATIONS

# KRISTEN LYNNE WALL

*We are so proud of your accomplishments!!*

*You have an amazing future ahead of you!!*

*LOVE DAD, MOM & JOHN*

CONGRATULATIONS

Zach

ON ALL YOUR  
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BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Grandma

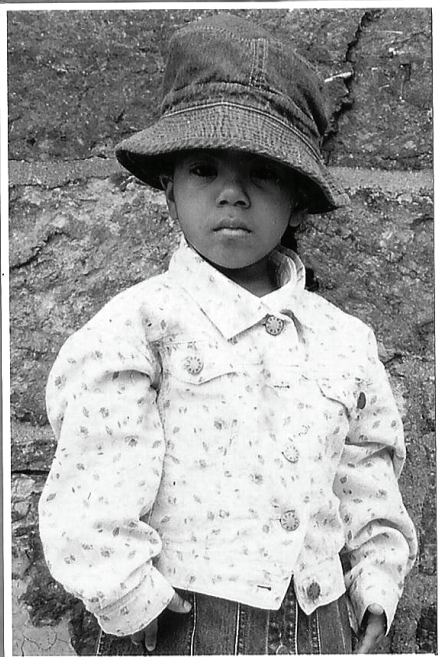
Kim G



Joseph, Matthew and your humble parents have been astounded by your ability to seek out and excel on paths you have chosen. Thank you for creating these paths which we expect will continue. Congratulations for all you have accomplished at Boston Latin. Madame President of the Philippine Club since Freshman Year, Team Member Varsity Co-ed Wrestling, Good Teen Samaritan & 4.0 GPA. We look forward, albeit lovingly, to your days at Bowdoin College & hopefully many, many years beyond.

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POTENTIA AD SUCCEDUNT

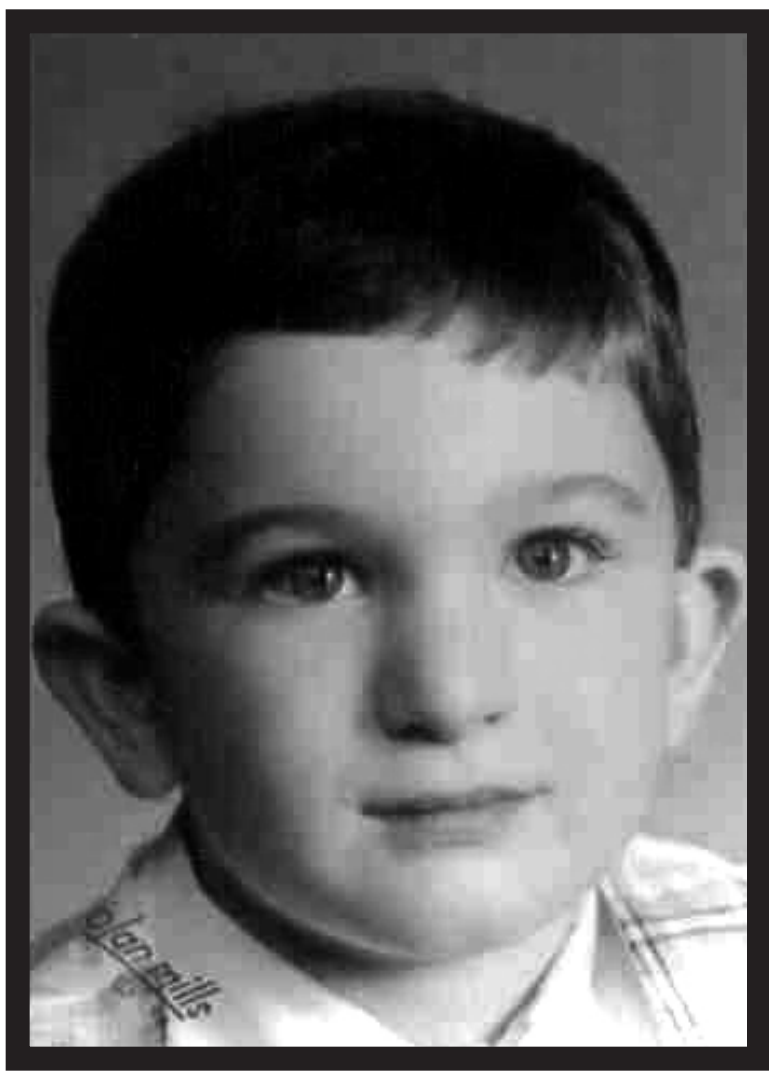
CONGRATULATIONS  
NINJA!



We are so very proud of the young woman you have grown to be!  
Now go, spread your wings and FLY!

# Congratulations

*and best in the future to*



## Chris Lydon

*“YOU’RE A STAR  
IN OUR EYES.”*

Mom, Dad, Jillian, Jordan  
and the rest of the Lydon  
Family.

*Congratulations  
Colin!*

**We are so  
proud of  
you!**

*Love,*

*Nana and Joe  
McNicholas*

*TO OUR SON  
JAMES VERDERICO,*

We would like to  
congratulate you on both  
your academic success and  
graduation from  
Boston Latin School.

You have worked so hard and  
accomplished so many things.

We are so proud of you.

**BEST OF LUCK FOR  
THE FUTURE.**

*Love  
Mom, Dad & Buddy*

— SENIOR SURVEY —  
*Class of 2012 Senior Survey*  
 Best Memory

6/12/2012  
10th grade physics with Ms. JP  
18th birthday part scavenger hunt  
1st place at DCLs for cheer-leading  
2011 Fall Play  
6 AM piano concert in the Bahamas  
8th grade Spanish class with Ms. Chouinard, Swine flu break  
8th grade Spanish field trip with Ms. Chouinard to Mexican restaurant and DC trip with Facing History, Mr. Redd, getting to level 9 in curveball  
9th grade biology with Mr. Akeson  
9th grade geometry with Rodriguez, Dr. Cohee  
A certain chemistry teacher falling down the stairs in 10th grade  
Alecc.  
all of it  
amazing friends cheering you on when you're having a bad day  
Any hoodrat think with my homies I did in the past 6 years  
AP Art  
AP Art & Guild  
AP Art, chilling with Nisa at her praefect post everyday, going to the vent with Connor & Carmen  
AP Chinese  
AP Chinese class with MR. Yang (Victoria Secret)  
AP Chinese!!  
AP Euro  
AP French with Madame Valentin  
AP Lit with Ms. Burke, SOC-CER for 4 years with some of my best friends  
Art  
Asian Night 2012 <3 <3 <3  
August 13th/ Stormking with Nisa of Samothrace/  
BAHA'12  
BAHA'12 with my best friend, and 8th grade in general  
Bahamas #nakedwasted  
Bahamas 2012 #nakedwasted  
Bahamas 2012!

Bahamas, best week of my life  
#nakedwasted  
basketball bus rap battles  
Bboy Club finally getting lino-  
leum and defeating Benny  
BC Calc  
be awkward until 12th grade  
Beating Shi An in a Pokemon  
battle  
being an #original, swim team,  
3/19/12, Swine '09, yellow snow  
being groupies with Olivia  
Lakes  
bellowing "Land of the Dead"  
on the way out of my last music  
night  
best friends  
BLS football  
BLS getting put on the spot by  
almost every news media outlet  
because of the Vampire Girl  
incident  
BLS JCL, times with friends,  
Florida, and Mr. Flynn's office  
BLS Tech  
Bringing the Tv into the cave  
bro times at the cave with  
Based Paul  
CFran accepting my friend  
request on the book  
Cheerleading winning first  
place at DCL  
chilling and playing "never have  
I ever" at the library  
chilling on the ledge  
Claire Zimmerman's Open  
House(s)  
Concert Choir; music theory  
with Zami De Wet; World  
History 2 with Mr. Long  
Cracking up with Joey Mc-  
Court at UBurger...a bird flew  
innuendo  
Dating Duyen Nguyen  
DC trip  
DC trip! :) :)  
Deady  
ding-dong-ditching Mrs. Hen-  
derson's room everyday as a  
sixie  
Dr. Chiu's chinese comp class  
Dr. Liu's Chinese comp. class  
Dr. Naylor's history class  
Dr. Carroll's Latin Prose Hon-  
ors class  
E.E. 2011!  
Eastern Europe 2011  
Eastern Europe 2011

Eastern Europe 2011  
 Eastern Europe 2011  
 Eastern Europe 2011 and the Franklin Twins  
 Eastern Europe 2012  
 Eastern Europe 2012  
 Eastern Europe 2012  
 Eastern Europe 2012!!!  
 Eastern Europe!  
 Eastern Europe!  
 Eastern Europe!!  
 Eddie Lui  
 eight thirteen (...but mostly five twenty-five)  
 English class junior year with Mr. Sullivan  
 every moment with my friends  
 every single laugh and tear I've shared with my friends...LOL  
 Hallie coloring ze chicken  
 every Theater Guild Festival  
 every thursday night of senior year with dennis trujillo  
 Fashion Talent '12  
 Fashion Talent Club/snow!  
 fashion talent shows '08, '09, '10, '11, and '12  
 Film Club with Katie Stotler  
 Football Team 2012  
 Funny math classes with Ms. Gribaudo and Mr. Luis  
 G-chatting with Mr. Simoneau about HW and he replied "eh, bad problem, skip it."  
 German 4  
 Getting approbation every term of senior year  
 getting bailed  
 getting into Howard U!!!  
 getting on step squad  
 getting stranded at the train station by Ms. Valentin  
 going to New York with Art History!  
 Going to Washington D.C with Ms. Freeman  
 graduating  
 graduating Dr. Liu's class :)  
 Northern Lights, the ankle  
 graduation  
 graduation and May 25  
 Halloween '11  
 having Mr. B instead of another teacher  
 having my toenails fall off after the Walk for Hunger  
 Hockey games and victory celebrations with the boys

Hooking up in the Language Lab. Oh, and Guild.  
Humming an empty water bottle at a lady  
Ice cream with Akeson  
It's a Yetty B production  
Jane  
Javon winning "best rear view" just Freeman in general  
JV girl's soccer team  
Karaoke night, Prom, summer 2011, and the cape  
Kathy and Ellen  
Katriona Fahy's Sweet 16  
Moonbounce  
Kicking G.G. in the face—by accident of course  
knowing that I didn't fail any of my classes  
last day of 11th grade when I found out I passed all my classes  
Late nights out on the town, not really sue what life'll bring you, but at least you got your friends and youth.  
leaving school with Ryzo to climb trees  
Loki's face and Kevin's tears.  
long weekends with the fam, the rink  
LPK  
Meeting Yiannis Bakolas in 11th grade Stats class <3333  
Minh Truong  
Movie dates with the movie crew  
Mr. Gibbons walking in while Ms. Jamal was drawing a phallus on the board  
Mr. Stahl's class  
Mrs. JP's Physics class in the 10th grade  
Ms. Fernandes memorial celebration  
New York Trip  
NH (even though it didn't happen)  
NYC '12  
Only good memories, they were not all that awesome...I guess uh all the times trolling Derrick  
People finding my "tagged" from when I was 12 and everyone calling me Minty Fresh from then on  
performing in Step Squad Rall

2010  
 physics with Mr. Doss  
 Playing ping-pong in AP US  
 History  
 Playing Pokemon in World  
 History  
 playing the Jazz flute at Ben  
 Moss'  
 pooping in the hallway  
 prank phone calling the Gib-  
 dog  
 Ramen Day!  
 Ramen Day!  
 Remember that time we beat  
 Winsor?  
 riding dirty on my tricycle, Hal-  
 loween 2011  
 running around freely in the  
 halls with friends  
 running around school with  
 friends  
 Saratoga 2012  
 Senior and Junior year HR with  
 Yetunde and Vanessa  
 SENIOR YEAR  
 senior year Thanksgiving Rally/  
 school election speeches  
 Show choir!  
 singing and dancing the hallway  
 after school  
 sixie social  
 Sixie Social  
 so many good times with the  
 wolfettes! <3  
 Soccer junior year  
 soon to be last day of senior  
 year  
 Spillin' while I'm sippin'; I en-  
 courage you to try it  
 Spring Music night 2010  
 standing in the girl's bathroom  
 for one whole period watching  
 Thor w/ a friend  
 starting beef with the whole

wrestling team and making  
them cry  
Stepping at rally!!! <3  
stopping the entire APUSH  
class to look out the window  
at the snow  
Stranded in Park Street during  
the French trip  
stroking head of the Charles  
Summer 2011  
Swine '09  
Swine '09  
swine '09, Holy Name  
Swine flu break  
Swine Flu Vacation  
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Talking to D. Ho  
the afternoon 37 bus in 8th  
grade  
the chair  
The cruise  
The end of this year  
the fart machine in 8th grade  
the guy at the vent bringing  
us chairs  
the library  
the library  
time spent with friends  
Too many good ones  
Towers and a Mole take Baha  
2011, Boloco  
walking across that stage  
Washington DC  
when a certain teacher fell on  
her face  
When Elias permed his hair in  
8th grade  
when I transformed from an  
awkward caterpillar to a mag-  
nificent butterfly  
When Katie Tarantino com-  
forted me because she thought  
I was sad when I had the snif-  
fles  
when Mr. Balicki's student  
teacher broke the little table by  
the door and papers went flying  
everywhere. Hilarious.  
Winning 1st place at DCL  
winning 1st place at DCL and  
beating Westford for cheer-  
leading  
wolfettes :)  
XC '10 omg  
You can't take it with you

*CONGRATULATIONS*  
HANNAH PULLEN(-)BLASNI(K)  
AND ALL OF THE BLS FRIEND(IE)S  
GRADUATING IN 2012!  
We love you lots!  
*Mom, Dad and Licorice*

# SENIOR SURVEY

## Worst Memory

10/22/2011  
Mar-12  
homeroom  
10th grade  
10th grade break-up and crying everyday in school  
11th grade  
11th grade English class  
11th grade morning fire alarm  
11th grade research paper  
200 pound, goth sixie year.  
Ugh  
7-10th grade  
7th grade study  
8th grade  
8th grade  
8th grade Latin  
8th grade, being a part of the Ratchet class  
9th grade  
9th grade  
9th grade homeroom  
9th grade year  
a certain English teacher  
a certain English teacher  
a certain English teacher  
#sorrynotsorry  
a certain English teacher giving me crap about my perfectly legitimate pass and being entirely unhelpful  
a certain math teacher's class  
Affirmative action  
all of 10th grade  
all of 10th grade and APUSH in Junior year  
Anyday I'm without Hillary, Jessica & Lily (& Kokol!) (& Mr. Flynn)  
AP Biology Food Project  
AP French class  
AP Stats...  
April 6th, 2007  
Art history tests (sorry, free-man)  
Auditioning for a musical  
Beer before liquor, never sicker  
being asked out by that kid in homeroom...awkward  
being assassinated by Casey Gover, and being betrayed by my best friend and twin  
being called Albert

being hungover ugh  
Being in Mr. Flynn's office  
being judged  
Being one of the 8% of the kids diagnosed with the superbad disease in 8th grade  
Being tossed aside by my best friend  
Bombing my first declamation on my 13th birthday because instead of letting me finish memorizing it the day before, my dad took me to a farm in which a demon goose chased me, trying to bite the D  
Breaking an ankle... again  
buying chocolate in Prague  
Camel movie in Humanities can't remember  
Cfran rejecting me via calculator  
Chemistry with a certain teacher...  
College decisions hands down  
college rejections  
crossing the US/Canadian border with a Dominican immigrant and his friend. we were searched thoroughly  
Dating Duyen Nguyen  
Deadly leaving  
Eddie Lui  
Elias's perm in the 8th grade  
English  
English 12  
every minute in Latin class  
Every second here  
everyday  
everyone seeing me cry at junior prom... and snowball  
Everything except Art  
Everything in the college process  
everything was so wonderful...sike  
Facing History  
failing 3 classes in 7th grade  
failing a test for the first time  
failing due to teacher's bipolar mood  
Failing Geometry Honors and it dropped my GPA from a

4 to a 3  
failing multiple classes  
Failing my first declamation because I wasn't sure what declamation was supposed to be like.  
falling down the stairs  
Finding out my naked picture got sent out in the middle of class...  
finishing and turning in my junior research paper and AP Chem term project on the last day of school  
first (and only) misdemeanor mark sixie year  
first day of school  
five twenty-five...  
Flynn's office  
Food poisoning on Christmas Day  
forgetting the first line of my julius caesar declamation in 8th grade  
French Class  
Freshman year  
German 1-3  
getting a concussion in homeroom at the beginning of Junior Year  
getting a math book thrown at my head  
getting arrested  
Getting called out of class and interrogated by Mr. Flynn  
getting caught by Ms. Wenz  
getting caught leaving by the entire administration  
Getting chocolate milk thrown on my fresh polo shirt  
getting dumped  
getting my first "F" ever in AP Bio  
getting sick and puking at school :(  
getting stopped by Akeson in the hallway w/o a pass  
getting stuck in the snow storm sixie year  
getting suspended  
getting suspended  
getting suspended again  
getting suspended in 8th grade for saying my name was Conal Lynch  
getting suspended my senior

year  
getting yelled at by Ms. Freeman, spring of Junior year  
going to school with all of you, his B.O. :(  
going to summer school in 9th grade for Latin (never failed a class before)  
going to summer school sixie year  
Greek  
Greek  
having a break-up in the basement  
having Gray and Centeio twice  
having the police come after we broke into the school on a Saturday morning to get our football equipment  
having to take care of Stratton when he destroyed his face in C-Town  
Horrible teachers  
Humanities; every math and science class ever; World History 1  
I don't have one at the moment; get back to me later  
Janitor making me walk around the school because he wouldn't let me through the back door  
Jim Bursen incident  
June 2009 - December 2011  
junior prom...vanessa  
Junior Spring and basically all of Senior year  
Kathy and Ellen  
L.P.K., S.O.K., rubberband chains and high top fades  
Latin  
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Lisa and Linh bullying me  
losing friendships...sorry Ad-die and Cole :(  
losing Ms. Fernandes  
Losing to Lexington High  
Losing to Lexington High in states  
made more friends  
Math  
MATH... and waking up early...  
May 16th, 2009

Minh Truong  
Mr. Watson leaving  
Mr. Watson leaving  
Ms. Moon and her unfair grading  
my 8th grade love life  
my big toenail falling off during sixie ELA and me being too scared to tell anyone  
My first declamation  
my senior research paper/room 324  
My terrible fashion sense in 7th+8th grade  
no snow days senior year  
None  
not having a good math teacher  
Not knowing Yiannis Bakolas </3  
Not saying anything to D. Ho :(  
ooh...which one?  
Park Drive!  
Paulina making me cry for a whole period  
people drawing conclusions before understanding the situation  
pneumonia '07  
PreCalculus w/ Mr. Centeio senior year  
procrastination  
Project X ish; the collapse  
Regular senior English  
repeating the math final junior year  
Research papers  
ruining the hypnotist's show  
singing in Mr. Bernazzani's class  
sitting in the senior section on the first day of sixie year, SW  
Sitting in a teacher's French class for two years  
SIXIE YEAR  
sixie year  
someone saying stone cold Steven Austin wasn't the greatest entertainer of all time  
Sophomore Year  
sophomore year  
Sophomore year, it killed my GPA  
Spain 2010

Spanish project...I slacked like I've never slacked before  
suffering through English class and listening to my teacher talk  
summer school at Madison Park  
Swine '09  
taken World History with Turpin :(  
taking AP Latin while battling depression :(  
taking the precalc final  
tardy detention  
the 11th grade  
the clique of sixie year 234  
the entirety <3 of the 10th grade, the Cape  
the maps in Haritos 7th grade  
Earth Science class  
The night that we ran around Ashmont looking for a bathroom  
the vampire episode and every other black mark by the class of 2012  
third wheeling  
throwing up in the girl's bathroom; sixie field day  
throwing up on the B line during a German field trip!  
to be honest... French  
Trying to stay awake during history class  
vampires  
wanting to use the bathroom for a #2 but a certain history teacher wouldn't let me and responded with the subway noise :(  
When AIR stole the notebook between me and Aisling O'Leary in 7th grade  
when I tripped on my way out of Dr. Yu's room  
when Marykate Lampron stole my boogie board  
When Mike Joyce left to go to Southie High  
when Savaughn chased me to my car at 10:30 at night  
When the musicians died in Titanic  
Winter Music Night 2011  
Yetunde threatening to kill me in 8th grade

# CARMEN,



Congratulations on your graduation from BLS. It wasn't always easy, there were many late nights and early mornings but you can proudly say you are a Boston Latin School graduate.

I love you very much and am so very, very proud of you. You make the world a better place by being in it and having you as my daughter has been the greatest gift.

– Mom (and Frisky)

# PAT D

WE ARE PROUD OF  
ALL YOU HAVE  
ACCOMPLISHED  
AT BLS.  
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

LOVE, MOM, DAD,  
JOE, ANDREW'10,  
AND NANA

# SENIOR SURVEY

## Things I’m Glad I Did

#fishwars  
A.P. Writing  
Alec MacNeil on Thuy-tee’s desk every free period  
Antonio  
AP Art!  
AP Art, AP Euro, learned how to talk to people and make friends, broke a few rules, oil painting  
AP chem  
AP French (dem)  
AP Lit  
AP Spanish, expanded to find friends who actually care about me  
AP US History with Ms. Holm  
APUSH with Heff the Chef  
APUSH with Ms. Holm  
Art, Art History, Eastern Europe 2012, Show Choir  
ASIA, student leadership  
Asian Night!  
asked him to Junior prom  
ate lunch with Isabel on the first day of sixie year and stayed best friends ever since  
Bboy club  
BC Calc  
be more independent  
became a techie  
Became the first of the founding members of Cave club  
become best friends with Thi Tran  
become friends with Georgia  
Become friends with more people  
been in a homosexual relationship before college  
befriending Roger in 7th grade  
BLS Ski Club!  
BLS TV... oh wait, what

TV?  
Boys swimming  
BSAC!!!! \m/  
Cave  
changed my friends  
chill with the BC after football  
chorus for six years <3  
Concert Choir, Fashion Talent Show 2012  
Conspire with K  
contemplating in solitude  
Costa Rica!  
created Team Flashy  
CREATING THE CAVE. FOUNDER 2 OF 3: lights  
CREATING THE CAVE. FOUNDER 3 OF 3 video games  
crew  
cut my hair  
Dating Duyen Nguyen  
declamation  
drank with the JP kids  
Draw in class  
Eastern Europe  
Eastern Europe 2012  
eat my greens  
Enviro, sleeping in class  
environmental science  
Everything  
explore a cave, you know, spelunking  
Facing History  
Facing History with Ms. Freeman  
finally have a conversation with Mr. Beers  
finding out more about becoming a chef  
Flynette  
Flynette, art, use Flynn’s bathroom  
Football band  
forgot my gym clothes for my first sixie gym class  
fracture my ligament in the knee  
Get a Twitter #followme

Get Mrs. Kirkpatrick twice  
get my act together  
Get rabies from learmin  
getting Lauren to cheat on Jordan  
Go all natural with a new fro!  
go on Shannon’s ski trip  
go to Eastern Europe  
go to Eastern Europe  
go to JR Prom  
go to school  
go to the cape  
go to the first round celtics game with Germ, Minh, Jazz, Tomas, Gabe, and Elias  
go to the movies almost every Friday  
Gone to BLA instead  
gone to the cave before people ruined it  
gone to this school.  
Got rid of inhibitions  
got some pole  
got with her boyfriend :)  
GUILD in 8th grade  
Guild!  
hand out Charleston chews while riding a giraffe  
Having made the friends I have now  
Hoodrat things with my friends  
hook up with a certain person  
I’m glad I never let anyone change me  
Improv  
join step squad  
joined the sailing team  
joining the pen 15 club  
kept my friends close and my enemies closer  
kept the same best friends  
lasted all 6 years of BLS  
lead Deady into a booby trap  
lived a little

Lose my virginity  
Made it to senior year  
Made my own mistakes  
made new friends  
made new friends during senior year  
Made out with my fourth grade crush  
made the Blackbox my second home  
married Murielle  
marry Joanna Ramos  
mature  
Met Murielle and Joanna Ramos  
music & art  
Music Theory  
my boyfriend  
never got caught  
not let myself stress  
not take a foreign language senior year  
not take math senior year  
not try in 9th and 10th grade; take facing as a junior  
nothing  
only lived once, that’s the motto  
open myself up more last 2 months of high school  
partied like a bawsszzzz  
play a sport  
play at Frozen Fenway  
pranking Mr. Gibbons with a shocking pen, stop talking to a “golden child”  
Public Dec  
Public dec.  
public speaking skillz  
Quit crew  
Quit crew  
Run for class secretary and make it to the final round :)  
Run track  
Saddam Hussein  
saw Sugarland in concert  
scored the winning goal at Frozen Fenway

skip class  
skip school  
skip school  
sleep  
Sleep in class  
Sleep in class  
stay with music  
stayed classy through all the trashy!  
studied APUSH under the Holm Regime  
survive at BLS  
survived BLS  
sword fight with foam in the tech room  
take AP Writing  
take Art History  
TAKE ART HISTORY  
Take Chinese Comp with Dr. Liu  
take economics  
take Facing  
take Facing History; take Concert Choir; Latin Honors with LeDang  
take orchestra!  
take regular Econ  
take Spanish Lit best class ever  
take statistics  
take the 37 bus in sixie year :)  
taken AP Art  
taken AP Spanish Lit  
taken Art and Chinese Comp  
taken Art History  
Taken Comprehensive Chinese Senior year. Dr. Liu <3  
taken environmental science with Mr. Gay  
taken Facing History  
taken foreign policy  
Tennis  
The Cape  
Theater  
took AP Art  
took art and Music theory junior year

Took Art History  
Took Chinese Comp with Dr. Liu  
Took Italian and stuck with it  
took Spanish 4 with Ms. Williams  
took statistics  
track  
Track  
transfer in Mr. Sullivan’s Latin IV class  
Transfer out of Humanities into Statistics  
transferred out of AP Modern Euro  
transferred out of Honors Latin  
travelled the world and constantly remembered that this is BLS, not BLT  
Tried out for the basketball team again after getting cut junior year  
Tried out for V-ball in 8th grade  
volleyball  
volunteer for the hypnotist show. Best sleep of my life  
water bottle  
Went out to eat with Nacho and Andre before college night  
went to baha  
went to Eastern Europe as a Junior  
went to that party and met my best friend  
what!?!  
WOLFETTES!!!! Eastern Europe 2012, Become friends with Isaac again!  
wrestling  
write my research paper two days before its due  
yelled at a certain chemistry teacher  
You

# CONGRATULATIONS

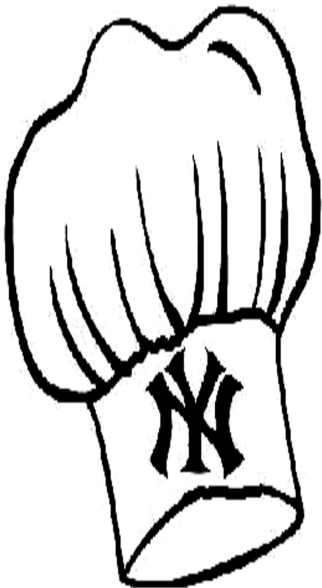
## SAM & JAKE!

*One journey ends  
and another begins.  
We are very proud  
of you.*

- Mom, Dad, Emily,  
Chris, & Caroline

# CONGRATULATIONS

**BLS**  
**2012**



**GOOD LUCK**  
**AT**  
**BHCC**

# MICHAEL ANTHONY DAVIES

## LOVE MOM & DAD

# SENIOR SURVEY

## Things I’m Glad I Did NOT Do

advanced math	cheat on the math final	French	homework	reply to Neil Bogan’s	Take AP US History
advanced math of any kind	cheat on the math test	freshmen	illegal substances, “relation,” generally things deemed “bad”	email	take APUSH
AP Bio	Cheat on the Pre-Calc final and BAHA	Get caught cheating	join 9999 clubs	Secede from the union	take calc
AP Bio, crew, anything illegal	Cheat on the pre-calculus final	get caught doing stuff in the auditorium	join ASIA, Red Cross, Wolfpack Volunteers	set fire to a trash bin	take chemistry
AP Biology	cheat, transfer	get caught hooking up	join LPK	set fires in the school	take compsci
AP Calculus	Cheerleading	Get caught in the act by a teacher	learned to read good	set the school on fire	take Facing
AP French	Cheerleading	get drunk then blamed it on the alcohol	leave	shit in front of the bathroom	take Facing
AP Physics	cheerleading	get expelled	Let custodians push me around all the time	skipping last period & getting caught by my English teach	take French
AP stats. Go to Baudy’s.	Cheerleading or Crew chemistry	get expelled	life	slacked off senior year	take math or physics senior year/ DRUGS! BAHA!
AP Vergil	continue choir after 7th grade	get held back	lose friends	smoke it up	take math or science senior year
APUS History (Britto for life!)	continue to hang out with “the Crew” :/	get in serious trouble	Math Senior Year	Smoking in the Cave	take math senior year
ask An Truong that question	Crack	get kept back	mess around in secret hiding places	Spend all my money on a Hollister robe in 8th grade	take math senior year, Baha
Take Enviro	crew	Get kept back	Meth, I guess	spend my days locked up studying	take Physics
Baha ‘12	crew	Get lost in the woods every weekend	my ex-boyfriend	spray too much ax to evacuate more than 1 class	take physics
Baha 2012	cuff chicken noddle	get pantsed by Ruby when I was commanding	naughty druggy things	start a fire	Take Regular English!
Baha 2012	date anyone in this school :)	Get suspended	Not talk to D. Ho	start a fire	Taken Facing
Bahamas 2012	Date here	Get suspended	not use all my opportunities, like Facing History	stay awake during AP US	Taking AP Latin
be a lady of the night, stay up late for hw, facing	Die	get suspended	pants Mrs. Kuchta	stay friends with people	taking school so seriously
Be a vampire	dish out black eyes cajun style	get trashed and lose my virginity at a party	Pay outrageous sums of money for school scam events	stay in Geometry Honors	tell others to call me Bob -_-
become involved in any drama	Do it just for college. Yes, I’m looking at you and I hate your guts.	Get with a member of the wolfpack	permanently stopped talking to Amber	Steal the math final	Text and drive the back of Ms. Davis’ homeworks
being a vampire	Take Facing	get with a boy	Physics	streak down the halls	The cave with Based Paul
Break the rules, plagiarize	Drop out	Gettin’ silly in the cave	physics flashlight project	study for AP’s, cheerleading	too many to name
burn the school	drop out at the beginning of senior year	give into peer pressure	pick my nose	take a science senior year	transfer out to a different school
burn the school down	Drugs (the bad ones)	go to BAHA	plagiarized, skipped school	take a science senior year	transfer to CM
buy school lunch everyday	eat school lunch	Go to Baha	punch my 9th grade hr teacher	take a science senior year	trust people
Calc, get caught	Ever ate school lunch	go to tardy detention	put that note in SK’s locker	take a short cut through Simmons College	turn my swag off
Care about grades too much	fail a class	Go to Thais’ party.	Rahamas	Take A.P. Econ test	vandalize Foley’s car
carrying illegal stuff	fail classes for the year	go to the arbs every weekend	Read books n’ stuff	take AP Bio	What my teachers told me
cheat on that math final last year!	fail the research paper	go to the cave	Regular 12th grade English	take AP Chem	write Yolo on my stomach
cheat on the final	failed this year	got a cat	regular English senior year	Take AP Chemistry	Written hate letters to past teachers
Cheat on the Junior Year Math final	fall to DaKampf and leave BLS as many others did	Got myself in trouble with Ms. Holm		Take AP Stats	
cheat on the math final	finish AP Latin	hardcore drugs		Take AP Stats	
	Finish BLS	have friends			
	followed the crowd	Have long hair			
		Heroine			

CONGRATULATIONS

TO *Colin*

*Murphy*

FROM *NANCY*

*KELLY’S TAXI*

*SERVICE*

NICE WORKS,  
DEARIE!  
WE KNEW YOU  
COULD DO IT!

*Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Anthony, and  
Amy*



Shannon N. Gampala-Sagar!  
Our most dearly beloved daughter: Congratulations on your achievement! May God always bless you!  
We wish you the best in all your future endeavors.  
--Mom & Dad  
Awesome Job Akka! Keep it up!  
You are the best! We are so proud of you ^\_^!! -- Your Bro Rinku

CONGRATULATIONS

ANNIE McDONNELL

Now it’s your time to shine!  
We are so proud of you!

*Love, Mom, Dad,  
Megan, Sarah & Sunny*

# SENIOR SURVEY

## Things I Wish I Had Done

2/14/2010 a school play or musical a winter sport actually learn French actually put that creepy love note in Sean Kelley's locker AP Lit AP Literature AP Writing with Ms. Diamond Applied to Harvard, gotten closer to more people Art History art history Art History Art History and Wrestling ask Ms. Ferreira to marry me; left this school when I had the chance Asked Will Droser to prom assassin in senior year and become friends with our whole class earlier been a bit more of a rebel and stirred up some trouble! been absent been more involved in other extracurriculars been more outgoing	been more outgoing been to the cave better in school Better in school Cared less cheerleading chilled by the fire while eating fondue with Justin Bieber chorus climb onto the roof come to school on time Danced with Greg Penella at Junior prom Dated more people destroy a certain janitor do better in AP Chem and Calculus experienced a class with Dr. Neary Facing History! find better friends earlier Get to know Emily Chang more. getting trashy in school girls' volleyball, wrestling go ham go to sixie social Gone for the girl Gone home on New Years	gone on a school trip gone on spring break gone somewhere for April vacation gone to an Improv show... gone to Baha gone to Eastern Europe gone to more school events, like sports games and what not gone to Thais' gone to the AIR party gone to the cave Gone to the cave gone to the cave gone to the Cave gone to the cave or on the roof Gone up to the roof got a job gotten hypnotized gotten into the cave Grown taller homework homework Homework Hookah! At least once. hung out in the cave hung out with more people outside of school hurdling	Join more clubs join the Pen 15 club joined cheer earlier joined gospel choir; sports joined Improv earlier known about the pregnancy sooner Made better use of my time Meet a vampire meet you earlier met Alejandro, George, Gary, Adam, Geraldine, and many others last year met all the cool people I know earlier met Jake Crowley before senior year met more people and made more friends met people earlier More BC Calc more extracurricular activities more sports, step squad Mr. Beers Mr. Corbett! Mr. Maneikis Mr. Smith Ms. Ferreira my homework	my homework no regrets, only meaningful experiences Not been so wrapped up in my measly little world for 5 years not not not gotten into Harvard participated in Asian Night, Alumni Day, partied more picked a prom dress earlier Played a sport played Assassin played hockey played soccer powderpuff Practice flute more skip classes slayed more b*tches sleep slept more slept more Slept more in class spend more time with felicia spoke out against hate speech started sports/bboy club earlier streak down the halls studied... study for Chinese Read my AP Bio and APES	books take AP Lit Take AP Literature take Foreign Policy; go to Eastern Europe; actually have fun Take freshman year seriously take my grades more seriously taken AP Art taken AP English Taken AP Lit instead of Regular English 12 taken ap writing taken AP writing and AP literature taken art history Taken art instead of an AP class taken Art! taken Chinese comp Taken Chinese Comp Taken Chinese Comp. taken French taken more APs Taken more risks taken more risks. taken Ms. Johnson's class more seriously Taking Chinese Comp. Talk to D. Ho talk to Tyler Hallinan sooner	talked to Devin Riordan in 9th Grade english class theater told Brendan Deady how I really feel about him Told Deady I loved him transferred to another school Transferred to BAA tried harder tried harder Tried harder tried harder in 9th & 11th grade tried harder in 9th grade tried harder, gone to the cave, played sports tried in 9th grade tried more in 9th grade tried out for baseball team try harder tumed my swag on volleyball, Chinese went to the cave/ started doing music sooner win the state title with the basketball bros Won more than 3 games... written for the Register YouthCan
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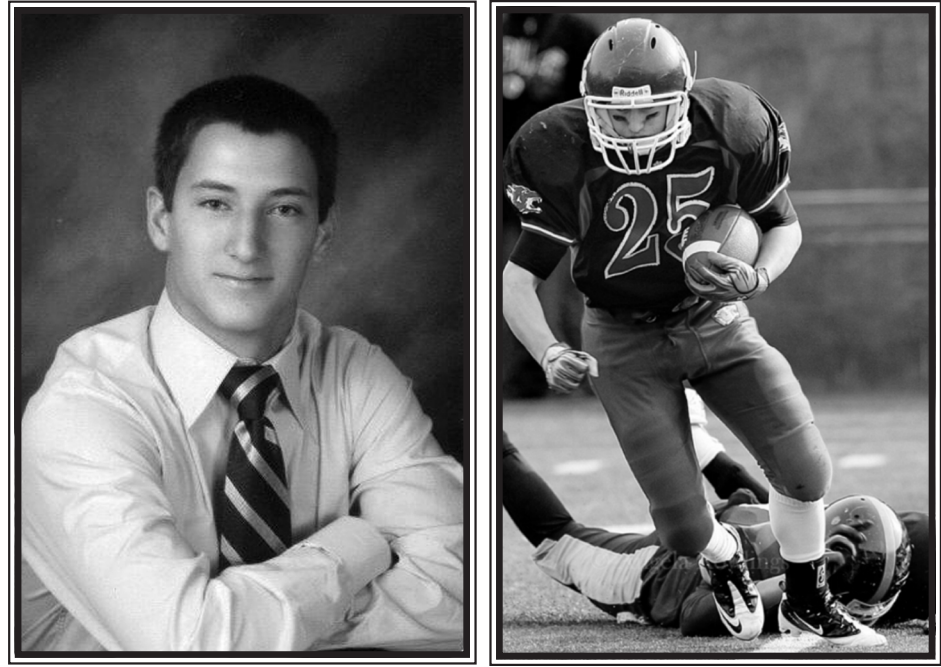
## Things I Wish I Had NOT Done

2012 for finishing a cantaloupe a certain English teacher act a fool grade 7-9 act slutty when I was younger all nighters AP Bio AP Bio senior year AP Gov AP Stats AP Econ applied to schools not on the common app APUSH, Italian ask Shi to work with me in class Ate school pizza more than 3 times a week attend this school Be a werewolf been a homewrecker been a white girl stuck in a black girl's body for years #back-home been awkward Been friends with certain people Been friends with Chet for so long been so judgemental been so sexually explicit been with the same person all of high school Big band	break up with Isabel broken my big left toe Broken up with Shabodabadoo buy school lunch cared what all y'all thought of me cheat on that quiz come to BLS come to BLS as a Bsie come to school with my hair in a nest 7th grade compsci Conspire with K, part II crew cried on the bathroom floor cry at the movies b/c Kevin McCann didn't want to get with me dated Dated Duyen Nguyen discovered Nutella dot dot dot dressed the way I did in 8th grade drugs Fail 8th grade latin flooding the girls bathroom, be friends with a "golden child" followed Strat when we ran from the cops at the rink French French French	French; become friends with certain people Geometry Honors German I, II, III, IV... given Trader Joe the time of day Giving Bethany mono, love you <3 gone out with a "crazy-psycho undertaker" gone the last day of school Junior year gone to Eastern Europe gone to summer school gone to the Sugarland concert gone to the Sugarland concert spring of Junior year gotten addicted to tumblr hanged out with people that cared about their popularity status and pretended to value me as a friend hated everyone until 11th grade Her as my first kiss homework (sometimes) honors Geometry hooked up with my best friend's ex-boyfriend hung out with qinqa and Dennis Latin Prose, Chemistry let a boy get between a friendship Lied about grades	made out with that guy. Marshmallows meet Eva Huynh met Rudolph in the stairwell Miss scholarship deadlines miss sleep more student voice MW2...never again...never again... my gpa no regrets #YOLO NO REGRETS FOOL no regrets! not cared for two years Not get to know D. Ho not using my locker OC's parted ways with an old friend passed out in a driveway Physics/chem pooped in the hallway 8th grade pre-AP Calculus procrastinate Procrastinate procrastinated quit the soccer team after my freshman year Regular English Regular English senior year relationships shine that laser pointer at Mr. Luis slack off	slack off term 3 slacked slacked off for so long slacked off in Freshman year slacking off in the 9th grade slept in AP stats every day Smoked mad doobies before the SAT Snitch on Jake's murder Stabbed Thomas Arlauskus in the seventh grade Stay awake in class Stay awake in class stay up late for no reason Stayed stole and got caught (twice) stopped baking cookies for Ms. Gomez... I'm sorry! STRESSED OUT SO MUCH Studied for the SATs sucked a toe summer school (8th grade) take AP, U.S History take AP Bio take AP biology take AP Chem take AP Econ Take AP Modern Euro & AP Bio take art history Take Chinese	take foreign policy take French, take Geometry Honors take Humanities take reach back Latin Take regular English 12 Take regular English 12 taken AP Bio taken AP Bio taken AP Bio taken AP Bio taken AP Bio taken AP Chem Taken AP chem taken AP Comp Sci Taken AP computer science taken AP Italian taken APUSH Taken Chemistry Taken ELA '12 taken Facing Taken facing senior year taken foreign policy taken French taken French taken French taken French taken French, please don't do it! taken German Taken Greek	taken humanities taken Physics taken physics Taken physics taken physics + chem Taken Physics 2 taken physics in senior year taken physics senior year taken physics senior year taken regular English 12 taken so few APs Taking AP biology taking Physics tardy detention that whole night there are no regrets in my life Trespassing >.< Tried hard in May of senior year Tried harder tried so hard on everything turned something horrible into something even worse wasting time focusing on bad times instead of enjoying life worked too hard when it wasn't necessary Working as a cashier wom bows in my hair in 8th grade Worn short-shorts and see-through shirts YOLO no regrets
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*Congratulations*  
**Anya Rose Bowen!**  
*With love and pride, Mom and Dad*  
This is just the beginning  
HAEC OLIM MEMINISSE IUUVABIT  
Proud to have another BLS graduate  
in the family  
*Love, Grandpa Dan Mostow Class of 1940*  
*and Grandma Sidnie*

*Congratulations,*  
**JONATHAN!** You did it,  
I'm so proud of you! Keep  
working hard, you have a  
bright future  
ahead of you! *Love,*  
*Shannon*

# CONGRATULATIONS TYLER!



**WE'RE PROUD OF YOU**  
**AND KNOW GOD HAS**  
**GREAT PLANS FOR YOU!**

# SENIOR SURVEY

## Yeah It Was Me, I Confess To...

actually falling in love with you  
Backing it up like a dump truck  
being “white washed” --  
being a brown girl  
Being a cat  
being a communist  
being a communist - Jake Toomey  
being a complete loser/weirdo in 9th grade  
being a gay fish  
being a gypsy vampire  
being a hottie with a body ;)  
being a party foul  
being awesome  
Being awesome  
being awesome  
being Black Barbie  
#butactually  
being extremely ratchet  
being fake. It's only high school  
being in the trap, be-be-ing in the trap #icunicki  
being involved in the fire alarm incident music night of eighth grade  
being madly in love with Mr. Gay  
being one of the founding people of the cave  
being single this whole time  
being spiderman  
being that white girl who went out with Thomas Washington sixie year  
being the arsonist  
Being the baddest bitch  
Being the fella with a chainsaw behind his smile  
Being the flyest person in the grade  
being the girl who thought bunnies laid eggs

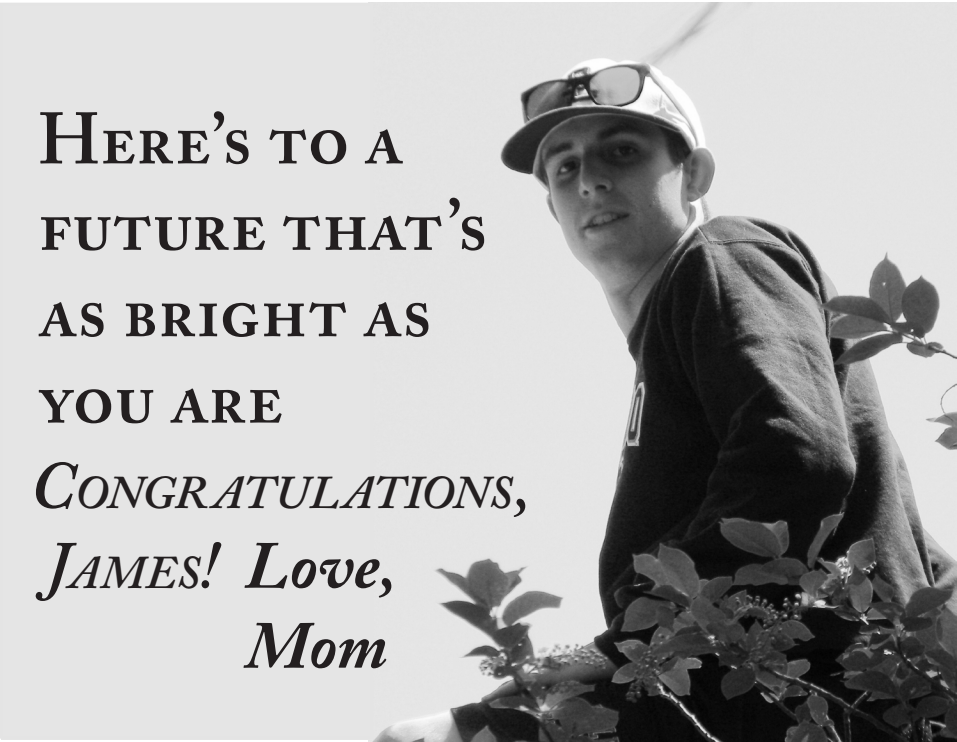
being the Head Vampire  
being the one that every-one cheated off of in Karydas's in 10th grade  
being the real Slim Shady  
being the zone graffiti artist  
being too amazing  
blaming Shi for something I did in 8th grade  
breaking a test tube in the Chemistry lab  
breaking into the book-room and going onto the roof of the school  
breaking the honor code  
Breaking the TV Studio  
bringing the Jager  
BSing Akeson's penny lab  
burning all my Bio 1 papers before the end of school  
calling Lady Gaga's name when she told me not to cheating  
Cheating  
cheating  
cheating  
cheating at least once. :)  
cheating my way through AP Chinese  
cheating my way through Chinese  
cheating on all my French 4 tests  
cheating on every latin test I ever took  
cheating on every test in Karydas in 10th grade  
cheating on everything  
cheating on Kevin with Isabel... it was a dare, I swear!  
cheating on Mr. Akeson's coin flips  
cheating on Mr. Akeson's penny assignment  
cheating on the Pre-Calc final  
cheating on the pre-calc

final  
chilling in the cave  
convincing Chet that he's a softy with the help of Joanna Ramos  
Courtney Hoban really having the lazy eye  
doing business in the office  
doing the do in the secret staircase my freshman year  
drawing the bat symbol on literally everything  
drinking in Mr. Chavero's latin class  
eating in all my classes in 11th grade  
eating in every class  
eating the core and getting in the pit  
Everything  
failing Dr. Yu's class all 5 terms  
faking the numbers to Akeson's penny toss  
falling in love with a teacher  
farting and blaming it all on a teacher  
farting in class  
farting in class  
flirting with Mr. Beers any chance I got.  
getting roofied...once...or twice  
giving occasional dirty looks  
going out with Mike Theriault in 10th grade zzz  
hating a lot of you  
hating all of you  
hating every year of my BLS career  
hating Facing History  
having a bob in the eighth grade  
Having a crush on like...every boy from Dorchester

having no shame  
having prejudices towards those who act like imbeciles in our year  
HeeHeeHee (wink wink)  
hiding inappropriate magazines behind my binder in studies and viewing them  
Jamming to “loca people” at an underground rave  
Kathy and Ellen  
keeping a 9month secret from all my best friends  
kissing a girl and liking it ;)  
leaving bits of candy around the school  
letting the dogs out  
loving D. Ho  
Loving fat &/or ugly men (but don't we all?)  
loving Ms. Elliott  
lying  
Lying about diabetes... turns out its contagious  
Lying about the Harvard frat  
Lying my way through highschool  
making someone cry in the middle of class  
making the research paper that much harder  
never translating any latin on my own  
never wearing underwear  
not actually doing stats homework  
not liking Facing  
not reading anything.  
not tossing the pennies for AP Biology  
not wearing a bra in seventh grade  
nothing naughty (I'm a good girl)  
Nothing!  
Nothing! I'm a good girl... not really

Nothing.  
nothing...  
painting the 19 bus with Corey  
painting the roses black  
pooping in the hallway  
Putting tape on someone's skate causing him to break his leg  
putting the baby-sized condoms in Teo's locker  
reading yuri  
Reporting a certain someone for threatening to blow up the school slash making Dr. Carol Johnson, superintendent, cry.  
ripping room number signs off the walls  
saying that 2012 is the BEST class in BLS history  
secretly being in love with the biggest hoodrat in school at the time  
Selling Argos and Registers  
Selling my soul for hummus  
Shipping Kevin Zhu and Christine Zheng  
Skipping class  
skipping NHS induction  
skipping school  
Sleeping in every class+being a douchebag  
slipping that my student teacher that semi creepy note...  
Spitting in DC's water then watching him drink it... lol.  
stalking all of you on Facebook  
Stealing all the toilet paper  
stealing Cal's giant calculator in 7th grade  
stealing game systems fromThe Cave

stealing Karydas' dead roses  
stealing your iPods  
still trolling  
stunning the whole McMahon family  
suffering from senioritis  
summoning Gargarth in the dining hall  
super-gluing a boy's locker in 9th grade  
Swimming in your pool when you were on vacation with your fam  
swimming in your pool while you & your family were on a cruise to Bermuda  
swimming in your pool while you and your family were in Bermuda  
taking secret pictures of CFran  
Talking smack #mhm that I can't dance  
thinking Mr. Maneikis is the most attractive human being at this school - Have my Baby!  
throwing up in 8th grade to never had tardy detention since I've been at BLS  
trying to be Sasha Benov every day of my life  
trying to be the new headmaster  
upstaging everyone else with my \$wag  
Using the secret staircase  
Using tiger style  
Visiting the Cave in its heyday  
wishing they kept Klaus alive on TVD  
Worshipping that arsonist  
writing a petition to get Luis fired  
Yiannis Bakolas



HERE'S TO A  
FUTURE THAT'S  
AS BRIGHT AS  
YOU ARE  
*CONGRATULATIONS,*  
*JAMES! Love,*  
*Mom*

To our son  
**Colin Murphy**  
We wish you joy,  
happiness and  
laughter!

Now get out of  
the house!

*Love,*  
*Mom & Dad*

CONGRATS TO THE  
CLASS OF 2012!

I remember when you were class V!

Wishing you  
all the best in  
your future  
endeavors.

*Fondly,*  
*Mrs.*  
*Gribaudo*

SENIOR SURVEY

Most Unfair Thing That as Happened To Me

10/31/2011  
9th grade math  
10th grade English with a certain teacher  
6 years at BLS  
9th grade homeroom  
A certain 8th grade Latin class  
a certain custodian  
a certain English teacher bullying me in 10th grade ... drama queen  
A certain English teacher twice in a row  
a certain English teacher's class, 10th grade  
a certain Greek teacher  
A certain Greek teacher  
A French teacher accused me of cheating when I didn't  
A math teacher failed me two days before school ended  
accusations that I am in a committed relationship with Bella Coyne  
accused of being inappropriate when I wasn't  
accused of cheating by a teacher who misheard me in the hallway :(  
Affirmative action  
AP Bio  
APUSH  
Art  
Bboy club not being able to perform for pep rally because our 2-minute performance was "too long"  
being accused of cheating on my first day of 7th grade  
Being accused of robbing somebody  
being born  
being branded like a cow  
Being called fat  
being cut in the lunch line  
being forced into AP French  
being forced to come HERE  
being in  
being on crutches for a month every year of high school  
being rejected by all 9 of my colleges  
being rejected from the NEU scholarship  
being required to take 3 sciences  
Being stuck with shallow people  
being targeted for 'dress code' violations  
being treated like crap by a certain music teacher all of senior year  
Being underestimated  
Blamed for the wrong thing  
Braces :(  
breaking seven of my ribs  
broke my right hand the day before SATs and got a 440 on writing  
busywork  
Calculus Class  
called into office about Occupy posters  
censured for an unreasonable reason  
CFran rejecting me from prom  
cheated on a grade  
Chemistry I Senior Year  
Chemistry with a certain Asian, getting a certain math teacher twice  
Chemistry x2  
college acceptances... or lack thereof  
college decisions  
college rejections  
College stuff  
Control freak teachers  
D. Ho didn't talk to me  
Deady leaving  
Dealing with French Department  
destroying my cardrum while playing lacrosse  
dropping the soap  
Eddie Lui  
English senior year  
Eva Huynh & Jason Huang  
Every interaction w/ a certain Bio teacher in the hallway  
Failing Summer school by one point  
fanific in Calc  
Figuroa, Burke and O'Brien...  
Why did I take regular english?  
French  
French  
French Department  
get yelled at for no reason  
Getting a certain English teacher  
Getting a certain English teacher  
Getting a certain English teacher  
getting a certain Latin teacher in 9th grade  
getting a homeroom teacher change senior year that is

"strict" D:  
getting accused of cheating  
Junior year/APUSH in general  
getting an F on something I worked so hard to compete :(  
Getting called a creep by the whole school for NO REASON  
getting caught with Lauren having boys over while babysitting  
getting censured 3 times in one week in 8th grade  
getting censured for drawing a plane that Ms. Louis thought was something else  
Getting censured for laugh-ing at public declamation in 9th grade"  
getting censured for plagiarism  
Getting certain English teacher for summer school  
Junior and Senior year  
getting detention for cutting when I didn't  
getting detention for taking a note off of a teacher's desk  
getting detention for taking a note off of a teacher's desk  
getting detention for using the faculty bathroom at 4 p.m., when student bathrooms were locked  
getting kicked out of Latin class everyday sixie year  
Getting made fun of for my DDs--still stylin on 'em  
getting my \$200 FlyPen permanently confiscated by a sixie science teacher  
getting my ID taken away by Mr. Haritos and never getting it back with Courtney  
getting no snow days  
getting one of the Tres Amigos twice  
getting rejected to senior prom...by a junior  
Getting sent to the Baron's Center for doing absolutely nothing  
getting suspended for being cyber-bullied  
getting the teacher I can't stand (two years in a row)  
getting written up for saying bless you to someone that sneezed.

getting yelled at by Mrs. Mooney-Teta for my leg-gings, black out day 2012  
girls  
given tardy detention when I was right at door of home-room  
gotten a certain English teacher twice  
had a certain sub yell at me for eating... then watch her give a senior boy a cupcake for his birthday  
Harvard. And thank god.  
Having a certain English teacher in 10th grade  
having a certain English teacher...nuff said  
having a certain teacher for 9th grade math  
having a really tan substitute  
having my car break down the first day I got my license  
having one of the Tres Amigos as my math teacher  
Having to take Latin until senior year  
Honestly I can't complain  
humanities  
I couldn't have Mr. Keitt every year  
I'm still 17 but all my friends are 18  
Jmills the Squid  
Jorge dropped our project in a puddle  
Junior Year  
Junior year  
Kathy and Ellen  
Latin class with the same teacher for 3 years  
Life  
Marykate Lampron telling Tyler Seguin she scored the goal at Fenway  
meeting Robert Fitzpatrick then having to sit next to him -\_-  
Messing up my only chance at distinction because a certain teacher wouldn't correct my grade  
Mileena throwing milk at Thomas but accidentally getting me.  
missing the French Field trip in 8th grade :(  
Most unfair thing that has happened to me  
Mr. Britto leaving  
Mr. Luis and he's not here any-

more so you better publish this!  
Mr. Snyder  
Ms. Kelley constantly denying my pleas to go pee  
Ms.Johnson Notebooks  
my close friends doing me wrong  
my last name keeping me on the 2nd floor for 3 years  
my papa's english 12  
my sixie year wardrobe  
Nathan Hermida  
nearly failing pre-calculus  
never having Dr. Neary  
NHS rejection!  
No snow days  
No snow days senior year  
no snow days this year!  
NO SNOW DAYS!  
Not a single snow day senior year!! >\_<  
not being 18 until the summer is practically over  
Not being able to be with Kelvin as much  
not being able to go to the bathroom in class  
not enjoying high school cliches  
Not getting A.P. credit in English with Barich  
not getting into one of my "likely" schools  
not getting into the college that I wanted to go to  
not having any snow days senior year :(  
Not meeting Yiannis Bakolas all my life  
One of the Tres Amigos  
opening Mme. Valentine's secret cabinet  
People thinking I was a pothead  
Plenty of boys and girls in 2014  
Pre-Calculus senior year  
Raw burrito  
Regular English is harder than AP English. By Far  
rejected from BU  
rigging the election so I lose because of communism in the system  
Rumors that weren't true  
Scholarship stuff  
senior research paper  
Senior year English  
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Senior Year English  
Sugarland '11  
taking Latin for 5 years  
taking the 11th grade math final twice  
Tardy detention all the time  
tardy detention when you're 1 second late outside your homeroom  
tardy detentions  
That judge.  
that time I got cyberbullied  
the "Tres Amigos" of the math department  
The BLS English department  
the sleep this school deprived me of  
this research paper  
those sixie year misdemeanor marks  
Tres Amigos  
two years of the same Latin teacher  
wanting to pee so badly, but teachers wouldn't let me  
and told me to pee in the trash can  
when Adele showed up out of the blue uninvited  
When BLS blocked Sporcle  
When I was accused of being a pot head  
when I was right at my homeroom door and my floor master sent me for a tardy slip  
When Lauren Woods made me cry in class  
When Lydia Federico assassinated me  
when Mr. Isaacs threatened to sue me in seventh grade  
When my friend cheated off me and still got a higher grade than me  
When my sixie science teacher took my ID and never gave it back  
When people accused me of something I didn't do  
When Savaughn shot me in the face  
Why did the pregnancy not happen sooner?  
working harder than other people but recieved a lower grade  
Yalta conference  
Yetty B refusing to make a mix tape with me

CONGRATULATIONS JOSH!

CLASS OF 2012

We are so

proud of you.

Good luck at

Syracuse!

Love Mom,

Dad, & Mike



# SENIOR SURVEY

## I'd Like To Thank...For...

A certain Eastern European chemistry teacher for ruining my GPA  
a certain English teacher for making my life a lot harder than it had to be  
Adam Shapiro for showing up  
Adam, Anthony, Antonio, Christine, Francis, Gareyth, Harry, Kevin, Pooja for everything wonderful about my senior year.  
all the teachers (including the bad ones!) for making me a stronger/smarter person  
Altia for lunch entertainment  
Andrew Phong for being awesome  
Angela my mommy for raising me up, feeding me and being a parent & friend  
Anthony B for being a wonderful friend  
at PCW  
Barich for giving me a good grade on my paper  
BLS for absolutely nothing  
BLS for making me the man I am today  
Bobby for being my friend even though I was a bitch  
Bogangster for giving us the opportunity to take not one, but two Pre-Calc finals  
Brenna Galvin for nothing  
Carmen D for being a loyal friend :)  
Casey Gover for being a saint  
Casey Gover for being a saint  
Casey Grover for being a SAINT  
certain BC Calc people for fanfic memories  
CFran for such an entertaining facebook  
Class of 2011 for providing every Dr. Karydas test  
Class of 2012 for all the good times  
class of 2012 for just being themselves  
crazy Jeff for being crazy Jeff  
CSH for having my back  
custodian Kevin for being a Boss  
D. Ho for being Great  
Danielle Smith for being an amazing friend  
Dante for being there #YOLO  
Deady for being great  
Diana for everything  
Dr. Carrol, the Younger, for being a great human being  
Dr. Carroll (younger) for helping me through Mrs. Johnson's

Dr. Carroll... teaching me everything  
Dr. Karydas for chasing me in the halls  
Dr. Karydas for everything she put me through  
Dr. Liu for supporting BLS ASIA and all our performances  
Duyen for keeping me sane :)  
Duyen Nguyen for being the chill-est and most adorkable friend in all my six years at BLS  
Eddie Lui for Eddie Lui  
Elias F. for perming his hair in 8th grade  
Emily Chang for guiding my interest in social justice  
everyone for everything  
Fall Out Boy for the memories  
Fall out boy for the memories  
friends ... being there for me  
Friends for pulling me through :)  
Germ for giving me mono  
Getting it poppin' on a hand stand  
Gibdawg for teaching me to beast  
God for bringing me through six years of BLS!  
God for everything  
God for not letting me completely crash after my lowest moment  
Halo for making BLS awesome  
Hannah Heiser for keeping me in her heart since sixie year :)  
Harris for being the first teacher to believe in me  
Henry Nguyen...being hand-some  
Isaac for being the brother I never had  
Jake and Dan for being the best friends  
Jasmine Taylor for being the most spectacular person I know  
Jenny Huang for being my anchor  
Jenny Makovkina for being so inspirational :)  
Jessica Charles for being such a good friend :)  
Jillian for being awesome  
Jon Stratton for not liking my jeans  
Joseph Gels, for being an awesome friend and dealing with me  
Judi for changing my life  
Judi Freeman for changing my life  
Julia Borges for showing me the goat video. meh  
Kathy and Ellen  
Kathy Le for helping me over the

phone in December  
Kellie Keenan and Mike Joyce for being the best friends anyone could ask for  
Kinza Husain for being an amazing person + friend  
Liam, Delia, and Carmen for always being there  
Lilo GinArte for sparking my imagination :)  
Lily for transcribing my thoughts on this survey (lazy)  
Lily Lin for always being there <3  
Lily Liu-Krason for food!  
Lisa Boyd for being the most down to earth and real person at BLS  
Matt Pitts for cleaning up my kitchen after I cut off my finger  
Minh Truong for wink wink  
Minty Fresh for being so fresh  
Mir for putting up with my nonsense  
Montague for always saving the day  
Mr. Balicki for showing how awesome Chem is and influencing my major in college (Environmental Engineering!)  
Mr. Bilodeau for being awesome  
Mr. Bilodeau for being the best teacher ever  
Mr. Bilodeau for pretty much the entirety of Junior year  
Mr. Bonds for being such a great troll, and also increasing my overall levels of intelligence and common sense  
Mr. Britto for inspiring me  
Mr. Concannon for always loving me  
Mr. Corbett for being the best teacher and person ever  
Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Myette, and Mr. Long for believing in me  
Mr. Flynn for being cute and awesome  
Mr. Flynn for expelling all the good kids  
Mr. Harris for being sympathetic, loving, and my at-school dad  
Mr. Harris for being the man  
Mr. Keitt for being awesome  
Mr. Mikalaitis for changing my life  
Mr. Montague + Ms. Wong for comforting me and supporting me over the college process  
Mr. Montague for always being there  
Mr. Montague for always being there for me  
Mr. Montague for beign the best

administrator at this school.  
Mr. Montague for EVERYTHING  
Mr. Montague for getting me into college  
Mr. Montague, for being the best person ever and helping me through so much  
Mr. Montague, Mr. Harris, Mr. Mikalaitis for knowing us all and being there, and help with writing and not minding when I was angry with you  
Mr. Sanford for increasing my writing skills  
Mr. Sullivan for being the freakin man...yall don't get it do ya  
Mr. Sullivan for bestowing sacred knowledge  
Mr. Sullivan for the Dog-God Theory  
Mr. Heffron for his sexy smile  
Mrs. Burke for teaching me how to be a cool adult  
Mrs. Kenney for being my school mommy  
Mrs. Long for keeping me sane  
Mrs. Malone ... always being there for me  
Mrs. Myette for being my second mother  
Mrs. Snyder for accepting her place in this school  
Ms. Esteve...being awesome  
Ms. Bateman for everything  
Ms. Burke for passing my paper  
Ms. Diamond+Ms. Gauthier for recommendations  
Ms. Fernandes for helping me find myself, always being there, and inspiring me to follow my dreams  
Ms. Freeman for changing my life!  
Ms. Gomez for being my school mom  
Ms. Gomez listening to every monotonous detail of my life  
Ms. Gray for bringing sexy back  
Ms. Holm for being inspirational  
Ms. Holm for everything!  
Ms. Insanally. 8th grade. :)  
Ms. Lewis for helping me when I was in trouble  
Ms. Moon for helping with my research paper  
Ms. Moon for teaching me how to write a research paper  
Ms. Segal for helping me graduate w/ my class  
Ms. Stone for being the chilliest person in the world  
Ms. Stone for having a soul  
Ms. Sylvester and Mr. Montague

for helping me get through high school  
Ms. Sylvester for being an awesome guidance counselor  
Ms. Sylvester for letting me not give up  
Ms. Williams for letting me heat up my lunch everyday  
Ms. Yang ... sending me to China  
Ms. Yang for sending me to China  
my best friend for dealing with my overemotional self for 6 years  
my boys for having a crazy a\*\* senior year  
my counselors for believing in me  
my friends for all the good times  
my friends for an awesome six years  
my friends for being awesome  
my friends for being the greatest part about BLS  
my friends for being there for me  
my friends for being with me to live up these 4-6 years as best as we could  
my friends for making BLS bearable  
my friends for making it easier to be here for 6 years  
my friends for occasionally slapping some sense into me  
my friends for supporting me through BLS  
my girl AO for always being there for me  
My liver for not giving up on me <3  
My mom for always telling me to reach for the stars  
My parents for believing in me  
my parents for driving me to school and funding me through-out high school  
my parents for helping me through the past 6 years  
my parents for paying for everything  
my sister for always being there in the toughest times  
my teachers, friends, Segal and Webster and Montague for everything; dealing with my bipolarness; 4 years <3  
My wittle Eefa for being the best sister ever  
myself ... getting here  
myself for getting through school  
myself for putting up with all the BS

Ned Kadzis for nothing  
Ned Shreebly for sticking it to the man  
Nothing. I don't get caught.  
Panera Bread for a hundred happy afternoons with my friends  
Rachel Wolsfelt for being my best friend for 18 years  
Rashad for writing me an award winning song  
Rose for sticking around through everything  
Ry Sny for his wry comments  
Ryan and Quange for putting up with me  
Sasa for being the best friend a girl could ask for  
Sean Early for always smiling  
Seijah and Giselle for being my REAL friends  
Shi An ... being an inspiration and motivation everyday  
Signora Myette per essere una vera principessa  
Simoneau for being amazing  
Simoneau for being one cool dude  
sippin' cocktails on a yacht with officer Manny and a dozen bad Bs  
Sparknotes for saving my life  
Tayrn Picariello and Gabii Medeiros for always being there for me  
Team Flashy for making BLS bearable. I love you girls!  
Teo for being a bro  
Teresa Cheng for saving my life many times  
The Asians for keeping me on track  
the Feds for being fat little pigs  
the ghetto for broadening my vocabulary  
this survey for being the most difficult assignment all year  
Thuy LeDang...dealing with me for an hour everyday  
Torpey for being one of the best bros  
Vanessa and Kathy for making my years in hell a little better  
Vanessa Caban for being my best friend since '06 <3  
Will Droser for being a badass mofo  
Will Droser for not stumbling  
Will, for being the best boyfriend ever  
you for making my years here truly unforgettable  
Zami de Wet for showing me how much I have to offer

### Anna Katherine Spack:

## We celebrate your accomplishments and wonderful spirit!!



**Congratulations  
to you and  
to the BLS Class of 2012!**

**With love from  
Mom, Dad & David**

## BETHANY GINA CASTELLANO



**Congratulations!!**  
**We are VERY proud of you!**  
**You are a great person with a kind heart and a giving soul.**  
**May you be blessed with all of life's riches as you embark on a new chapter in your life...**  
**We will be by your side every step of the way (whether you like it or not :) Sumus Primi!!**  
**We LOVE You,**  
*Mom, Dad, and Anthony*

# SENIOR SURVEY

## Most Useful Thing I Learned

Albanian  
 anything Dr. Carroll the  
 Elder ever said  
 AP Literature  
 Art History: contrapostto  
 BIDS  
 Beer before liquor, never  
 sicker  
 Bill Gates is richer than 140  
 countries  
 BLS grants waivers (boy I've  
 been absent)  
 Blue Moon, Harpoon  
 Bobby Akes  
 BS  
 BS  
 BSing  
 BS-ing  
 BS-ing  
 BSing everything  
 BSing skill  
 BSing well  
 cash rules everything around  
 me  
 chemistry  
 Chemistry  
 Chinese  
 Chinese comprehension  
 class  
 Comprehensive Chinese  
 Contrapostto.  
 cutting the lunch line  
 Did you know that the  
 French Huguenots...?  
 do whatever it takes to get  
 ahead  
 Don't smoke at Simmons  
 Dr. Neary's lessons of life  
 Dr. Carroll's Three Rules  
 of Life

Economics  
ECONOMICS!  
Economics/ AP Stats  
Eddie Lui  
eloquent language and public speaking  
every college will offer you the same opportunities.  
Just pick a place where you'll be happy.  
everything happens for a reason  
everything in English with Sullivan  
Existentialism  
Experiments from Mr. Centeo  
Fingers are incompatible with blenders  
foreign policy!  
Fotografía por Juanesy Nelly Futardo  
Friendship  
Guide... not  
History  
how the government works  
How to add  
how to ask CFran out  
How to B.S. a paper  
how to be a good procrastinator  
how to be extremely well rounded  
How to be optimistic about time constraints  
how to BS  
how to BS  
how to BS  
how to BS  
how to BS  
how to BS

how to BS  
How to BS  
how to BS a research paper  
How to BS an English assignment  
how to BS an English research paper  
how to BS analysis  
how to bs and still do really well  
how to BS anything  
how to BS both eloquently and successfully  
how to BS everything  
How to BS everything  
How to BS everything  
how to BS like a pro  
how to BS papers with pretty language  
How to BS something  
How to BS well  
How to BS your way through high school as a whole and still get good grades  
how to bs, economics, facing history  
how to BS; Spanish; AP Gov  
how to build a motor  
how to bulkxxxx assignments!  
how to carry coffee in my bag without spilling it  
how to deal with different types of people  
how to deal with insane teachers  
how to do nisa gestures  
how to enjoy life

how to fall asleep without getting caught  
How to finish every assignment in half the time  
how to get caught texting in class  
How to get enough sleep... JK!  
How to get my work done in the easiest way  
how to have successful all-nighters  
how to hide my Sammi's coffee everyday  
how to lie (to women, teachers, myself, etc.)  
how to look productive  
how to lose a guy in 10 days. jk.  
How to make a motor  
how to procrastinate effectively  
how to procrastinate the most effectively  
how to roll a blunt  
how to roll jays  
how to run on two hours of sleep  
how to run on two hours of sleep  
How to seem smart without being smart  
how to slap someone without leaving a mark  
How to sleep in class and not get caught  
How to steal diesel from a moving truck  
how to successfully procrastinate

how to successfully write a research paper  
How to take a quiet dump  
how to talk on a cell phone while crutching  
How to talk to Henry + Kelvin  
how to teach myself everything  
how to tell who are your true friends  
How to tell who's a real friend  
how to use my water bottle efficiently  
how to utilize my connections  
how to write a 14 page paper without reading the books  
how to write a good 4 page paper in 30 minutes  
how to write a research paper  
how to write a research paper  
How to write a research paper in 24 hours  
how to write a research paper without reading one book  
how to write amazing essays  
how to write well  
if you have to jam it in, leave it out  
if you make an acronym for your friend group, you'll never hear the end of it...  
#AIR

I'm every woman  
 I'm the man  
 I'm worth more than I  
 know, thanks Nisat  
 integration by parts  
 irreplacable with Mr. DC  
 Italian  
 Jet Engine in Chemistry  
 Jonathan Stratton likes a girl  
 in yoga pants  
 Junior prom  
 just to love, and be loved  
 in return  
 Kathy and Ellen  
 key things to having a suc-  
 cessful life (Dr. Carroll the  
 younger)  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 LATIN  
 Latin and Statistics  
 Learning deleting history  
 was a thing  
 lessons from Birtto, Izzo  
 & Facing  
 Life goes on  
 life goes on  
 life lessons from Dr. Carroll  
 the Younger  
 life's an apple, eat the core  
 look out for yourself  
 Macs: Command + Z  
 managing workload  
 Math  
 Most people lack integrity,  
 and are horrible judges of  
 character  
 Mr. Britto's life lessons  
 Mr. Ciente taught me how

to make a bomb out of my  
physics flashlight  
Not to cross Ms. Freeman  
Not to eat things off the  
floor  
not to take the night driving  
shift  
Obamaism is communism  
origami  
People in high places know  
that the laws they made  
are faulty  
Physics  
pretty much everything in  
Pacing History  
Procrastinating and bs-ing/  
time mgmt  
procrastination  
public speaking skills  
Race matters  
Ramen is good!  
Ramen=Life  
research paper  
research  
senior paper process  
sporele  
Statistics  
Statistics  
Statistics with Simobro  
success is 10% luck, 90%  
determination  
survival tips from Mr.  
Akeson  
taking a break is the best way  
to relieve stress  
that hennesty and enemies  
is one hell of a mixture  
#hyper  
that I need to do stuff to  
learn

that Nixon's a bum!  
 That procrastination works  
 the government is out to  
 get us  
 the lyrics to "Secret Agent  
 Status" by Yetty B  
 the meaning of Ratchet  
 The Scarlet Letter 'A' can  
 be seen as an upside-down  
 closed uterus  
 the value of human rights  
 this is BLS not BLT  
 Time organization  
 to not care about anyone  
 else  
 Trig  
 Trust NOBODY  
 try & try again  
 Vampires exist  
 What I can be strip searched  
 for  
 Who D. Ho is  
 who I am  
 who my real friends are  
 who my real friends are  
 who my real friends are  
 words of wisdom from Mr.  
 Sullivan  
 writing research paper, pub-  
 lic speaking  
 Writing skills from Mr. Sul-  
 livan  
 writing the research paper...  
 JK  
 YOGI IT!  
 YOLO  
 you are your biggest ob-  
 stacle  
 you're on your own

# Least Useful Thing I Learned

...who knows already for-  
got it  
 $i + (\cos\theta)^2 = (\csc\theta)^2$   
75% of all the classes I've  
taken  
9th grade world history with  
a certain history teacher  
a certain english teacher's  
header  
a certain math teacher's  
talks  
 $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$   
abl. of separation v. abl. of  
place from which  
ablative absolute  
Absolutely nothing  
Akeson's meal project  
American Dream  
any advice that comes out  
of Mr. C's mouth  
any science class...  
any type of latin --  
Anything a certain English  
teacher said  
Anything a certain Greek  
teacher said  
anything from a certain  
English teacher  
anything from Latin class  
anything from Mrs. Gray's  
Humanities class  
Anything in a certain Eng-

lish teacher class  
anything in Humanities  
Anything in Humanities  
anything in Latin  
anything math related  
anything that doesn't in-  
volve Cfran  
AP Bio  
AP Calculus  
AP Chemistry - -  
AP Modern European  
History  
Art  
bo, bis, bit, bimus, bitis,  
bunt  
Bwiofat is your friend  
calculus  
Calculus  
Chemistry  
Chemistry  
Chemistry. Ugh  
Deady's a trapstar  
declamation  
diphthongs  
Dissect a pellet  
don't be an occupier  
Dr. Foreman's fire drill  
Eddie Lui  
Eddie Lui  
English  
English  
English

English with a certain English teacher  
every single stinking day,  
neuter plural ends in a  
Everything  
Everything a certain English teacher ever said  
everything from AP French  
everything in AP Lit with a certain English teacher  
everything in English  
Everything in English 12  
everything that came out of a certain English teacher's mouth  
fero, fene, tuli, larum (WHY?)  
four years of Latin  
French  
French  
French  
frogs can't swallow with their eyes open  
G.U.I.D.E.  
Gauss Jordan Elimination  
Geometric Proofs  
geometry  
Geometry  
geometry  
Geometry  
Geometry  
global warming

Greek  
 Greek  
 Greek  
 health  
 hegemony  
 Hegemony,  
 hippo milk is pink  
 history  
 HISTORY & LATIN  
 history of Chinese em-  
 pires  
 how to thug  
 how to diagram cellular  
 respiration  
 how to fix a hotel window  
 in Washington DC  
 how to freestyle  
 how to love  
 How to make a perfect  
 notebook for Ms. Johnson  
 How to make a sandwich  
 how to pick someone up  
 (Dr. Carol Senior)  
 how to speak Centeio  
 how to write literary criti-  
 cism  
 humanities  
 Humanities  
 I don't even remember ev-  
 erything I've learned here...  
 it really was a fox  
 Kathy and Ellen

[illegible]

Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 Latin  
 LATIN  
 Latin (who am I kidding, I  
 didn't learn Latin)  
 Latin (why?)  
 Latin + Comp-Sci  
 Latin declamation  
 latin grammar  
 Latin...gotta join band-  
 wagon here  
 Literary devices  
 loganithams  
 math  
 math  
 MATH  
 math + physics  
 Metaphysical  
 MLA format  
 Mr. Luis' powerpoint of  
 hot flx  
 Mr. Luis's family history  
 Nothing!

Nothing. I'm so clever.  
P-A-R-A-BO-LA  
parabolas ... LOL jk, never  
learned math  
Physics  
Physics  
Physics  
Physics  
physics  
physics  
Poland exists  
Pre Calc  
pre calculus  
Precalc  
Pre-Calc  
Pre-Calc  
Pre-Calc, biology, all other  
math, world history I  
Pre-Calc, Latin, the list  
goes on...  
Pre-calculus  
Pre-calculus  
Pre-calculus  
PreCalculus  
Pre-calculus with Tres  
Amigo  
proofs  
Proofs  
Proofs  
quadratic functions  
Quo usque tandem abu-  
tere Catilinam, patientia

nostra  
Salt crystals, enough is  
enough Mr. Haritos  
school  
Semper ubi sub ubi  
Ships in the Fog!  
 $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$   
SOH CAH TOA via  
Franklins  
Spezzano's Personal Life  
Statistics  
Statistics (sorry Mr. Simo-  
neau)  
Symbols and SAT Prep  
that the square root of 69  
is 8 something #lessons-  
fromdrake  
the Greek alphabet... for  
Humanities  
the slideshow of Mr. Louis's  
life  
the Tao  
this school existed  
trig!  
umm...can you say latin?  
What Mr. Luis looks like in  
a white speedo  
whatever it was that went  
on Physics class  
Zenn and the art of motor-  
cycle maintenance  
Zumo



**All our best and  
love to both of  
you.**

From the start of  
one journey to the  
beginning of the  
next... each of you  
has made us very  
proud.



CONGRATULATIONS  
CONNER!  
*We are  
so proud of you.  
Love Mama and kms*

I LOVE  
LAYOUT  
+  
KEVIN  
&  
HARRY.

# SENIOR SURVEY

## I Had A Secret Crush On...

a junior :)	and Jewish hmu	I had a secret crush on	Linh Ho	ally a secret	Rose Galloghy
A. A.	Danielle Comeau	Ilda Plasari	Lisa Boyd	Mr. Gibbons, Mike Ward,	Roy Bahnam
Alexia Spinney	Dante Velasquez	Isaac Buck	Lizz Jiang, Lily LK, and	Rose Treon	Ruby Rollins, James Mul-
Ali Desantis	David Hines... that was	Jack Duggan (10th grade	Rachel Kelly	Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Mi-	ry's mom
almost every hot girl	funny	geometry <3)	Lydia Burns	Mr. Mikalaitis, Mr. Corbett,	Sam Cole and Jake Toom-
Altia Bend	DC trip (Facing)	Jack Duggan, Jack Tan,	Maggie Hughes	Jimmy Mulry, Bradford	ey
Amias Callendar	Deady	Louis Messier	Maggie Ly	Petipas	Sam English
An Truong	Delia	Jaimie Chang	Michelle Nguyen	Mr. Hotstuff Sam Situ	Sam Situ
Andrew Phong	Derrick Kwok <3	Jake "George W." "Bush"	Mike W.	Mr. Long, Jack Duggan,	Sean Early, Minh Truong,
Andrew Phong	Devin Riordan	Jake Toomey	Mike Ward	and Sean Kelley	jake Toomey, Jack Dug-
Andrew Phong	Dominick Zheng	James Adams	Minh Truong	Mr. Maneikis	gan, Peter Sweeney,
Angela Castillo	Dominick Zheng	James Adams	Minh Truong	Mr. Mikalaitis	Dante
Angela Castillo	Dominick, Mr. Mikalai-	James Burke	Minty Fresca	Mr. Montague	Sean Kelley
Barbara Afogho	tis, Mr. Gay, Mr. Capp	James Burke	Mr. Akeson	Mr. Mummalo, and it's	Shi An
Baudy Mazaev	Don Flynn :)	James Vederico...not re-	Mr. Akeson <3	not a secret	Shi An
Benny Zank	Dr. Carrol the younger,	ally a secret	Mr. B, Mr. Cap	Mr. O'Brien	Shi An
Billy Corbett <3 ... not	Mr. Gay, and Mike Ward	Jason Huang's eyebrows	Mr. Barteloma	Mr. O'Brien	Tammy Wu
really a secret	Dr. Carroll the elder	Jazz, Mr. Cappellano	Mr. Bilodeau!	Mr. Snyder <3	That black student
Bobby Akes	Dr. Cohee	Jeff Mikalaitis	Mr. Bilodeau <3	Mr. Spezzano, Brad	teacher
Bobby Fitzpatrick	Dr. Karydas	Jenny Makovkina	Mr. Bilodeau's sweat	Ms. Dewet (it wasn't a	the Bro Triumvirate
Brad Petitpas	Dr. Neary	Jessica Tang	stains, Nancy Yang's	secret)	the quarries aka rock city
Brandon Darcy	Dr. William Caroll the	Jimmy Mulry & Jack Bug-	smile and my desk.	Ms. Dougherty	trick
Brendan Crowley	Younger <333333	gan	Mr. Cappellano	Ms. Ferreira	Thi Tran
Bridget Walsh	Duyen Nguyen	Jimmy Mulry, Mikalaitis,	Mr. Cappellano	Ms. Ferreira	Tom Jenkins
Bro Triumverate	Eddie Lui	Mike Ward	Mr. Cappellano, Pat Mur-	Ms. Ferreria	Tom Jenkins
Captain America	Eli Hamel	Jimmy Mulry, Sam Eng-	ray	Ms. Moon	Vanessa and Ellen
Caroline McCaughey	Emily Hechavarria	lish, Ryan O'Keefe	Mr. Cappellano; Jimmy	Ms. Moylan	Vanessa Jarnes
Cate Tompkins	Emma Turner and Ju-	Jimmy Mulry's mom	Mulry	Ms. Sullivan Gray	Vanessa Lee
Cate Tompkins	liette Bennet	Jinming Hu	Mr. Corbett (even though	Ms. Yang	Vanessa Lee
Centeio	Fouad	Joanna Ramos	it wasn't a secret at all!)	Nancy Yang/Gerry Bilo-	Vincent Tang
CFran	Francis Martin Masa	Joey Mccourt	Mr. Corbett and Purple	deau	Wanli Tan
Chris Doss	Freddy and his devilish	Jordan Tolbert	Socks	Ned Kadzis	Will Droser
Ciara Murphy	good looks	Judi Freeman	Mr. Cristiano...whatta	none of you	Will Droser + Mr. Ga-
Coleman Riordan	Freddy's hair	Jun Yu Liu	hottie	Pat D, Mr. Mikalaitis	lego
Colin Murphy	Gavin Long	Kah-Ram Bamfo	Mr. DC	Patrick Teahan	Will Droser and Rudy
Connor Moccia	Georgie Wynn	Kathy and Ellen	Mr. DC	Peanut butter jelly time	Lew
Cookie	Grace Jenkins	Kavin Zhu	Mr. DC	Phil Nguyen	Woodle the Noodle
Corbie-Corbs (Billy!)	Greg Maneikis	Kevin "Cam" McCam/	Mr. Doss	Prof. Drake Feynman	Yianni Bakolas
Courtney Hoban	Greg Maneikis <3	Jalissa Latson	Mr. Flynn	Rachel Burger	Yiannis Bakolas
Creliz	Hadley Price, Mike	Kevin Cotrone	Mr. Gay	Rob the custodian (the	Yoona
Cristina Marcillo	Lenane, Alexia Spinney	Kevin Ferstler *wink*	Mr. Gay (not a secret)	one with the white hat)	you'll find out eventu-
Cuban Missile Crisis	(since 7th grade)	Kimberly Gilmore	Mr. Gay and Will Buch-	Robbie Vadala	ally
D.H.	Hillary Chau, Jessica Zhu,	Kyle Kumasaka	anan	Robin Kirkpatrick	young Dr. Carroll
Dan Mascoop - Single	and Lily Liu-Krason	Linh Ho	Mr. Gay...But it's not re-	Rose Alloca	Zachary Grasso

*Congratulations*  
**Jackie!**  
We're so proud  
of all your  
accomplishments  
at BLS.  
*Love, Mom, Dad, & Kristin*



*Happy*  
**Graduation**  
*to my best*  
*pal ever,*  
**Colin.**  
*Your best friend*  
**Lucky "Chums"**  
**Murphy**



# SENIOR SURVEY

## In Ten Years You'll Find Me...

#whoputgreenM&Msinmybowl?#1  
ightscameraaction #Iswearthisis-  
notConnorHiggins  
@ signed mileena  
@bellacoyne  
a masked vigilante  
already married and still living in  
Boston  
as a 5ft teacher at BLS, trolling and  
teaching math  
as a Neurologist  
as a nurse at Children's  
As an artist for something. Yay art!  
As the God of the New World!!!  
as the richest person on Earth  
at a swimming pool party  
at Burger King  
at Dot Park with bevs and the bros  
at Hogwarts :)  
at JP Licks with a brownie sundae  
and Matt Pitts  
At my house  
at our 10th year reunion living it up  
with you all  
at the Indigo Plateau  
At the reunion  
at the vent  
back in the Bahamas sippin on a  
banana  
Ballin'  
Bang Bang Rozzi gang  
beating down B's and nursing them  
back to health  
being a boss  
being a cat meoow  
being a freak in the morning and a  
freak in the evening  
being a hot-shot art curator #Free-  
manJud  
being awesome  
being happy  
being one of the richest men in the  
basketball industry  
BLS for my reputation in society  
broke, alone, and loving it  
celebrating my 11th year with Kellie  
Keenan  
changing the world and s\*\*t  
chillen with my panda babies :)  
chillin like a villain  
chilling with the Kardashians on my  
private island near Fiji  
Designing shoes for Nike  
drinking a cup of coffee  
earning \$\$

eating lunch with Talia, Bobby, and  
Olivia  
Eddie Lui  
ending American socialism  
EVERYWHERE! I run this  
Far away. JK. II'll probably be at  
the reunion  
fighting off zombies  
filthy rich and living la vida loca  
flying with the Packway Hawks  
gearing up to run for Senate;  
fighting for human rights; be-  
ing an immigration lawyer for  
Spanish-speaking people; being  
happy  
going above and beyond the basic  
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Happy and successful  
having fun.  
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head of a design firm  
helping people  
helping teens deal with their depres-  
sion and anxiety issues right here  
in Boston  
hooked up to a nutella IV, playing  
Halo in an underwater city  
hopefully a successful woman  
Hopefully in New York with Lily  
Liu-Crason  
I hope in a hospital  
Immortal.  
impregnated by Bobby Fitzpatrick  
in a ditch, face-down dead  
in a hole  
in a hospital as a neonatal nurse  
In a Tyler Perry film playing a strip-  
per who finds love and Jesus  
in Australia  
in Cali married to one of my celeb-  
rity obsessions  
in Charlestown  
in jail  
in love and happy  
in Maine, animating/storyboarding/  
directing films  
in my residency  
in my secret laboratory  
in my winery in Italy  
In Paradise  
in school ... again  
in South Korea hopefully!  
in the billionaire boys club  
in the club, bottle full of bub... jk.

traveling the world or teaching  
or both  
in the Ecuador  
in the Hotel Saski Krakow  
in the rain forest  
In the telephone book  
in the WWE  
independent and happy  
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kicking butt  
knee deep in the water somewhere  
laughing  
launching space shuttles with Elon  
Musk  
less skinny and successful  
like Jennifer Aniston in Horrible  
Bosses  
like Lauren from Think Like a  
Man  
living at home, going through grad  
school, in debt  
living happily  
Living in Boston in a loft  
living in California  
living in Prague :)  
living life to its fullest  
living outside the US (Spain at least  
for a while)  
living the life the way I want  
looking for D. Ho  
Lord willing, somewhere...  
loving Jessica Charles  
making BANK in Europe  
Making new technology for stage  
production  
making six digits a year as a financial  
analyst  
making that MONEY... hahaha  
managing a publishing house with  
my closest friends  
married  
married  
married and teaching  
married to a Bruins player  
married to an NBA player with  
beautiful mixed children  
married to CFran  
married to Eshe and having beautiful  
mixed babies. #conduckgrade  
married to Kelvin Nguyen  
Married to my boyfriend Josh  
Hutcherson  
married to Prince Harry

Marrying Sash Rose Marie and liv-  
ing with Maggie Fitzpat.... lochi,  
nochi, lochi, gochi, goodnochi.  
Mr Sullivan <3 <3 <3 <3 <3 (and  
still do)  
new headmaster at BLS  
No you wont!  
not any taller  
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St. =)  
on a beach in Capri  
On a professional bowling team  
with Kellie  
on a tropical island with Ms. Fer-  
reira  
on Access Hollywood  
on Earth  
on my way to being a psychiatrist  
on Oprah  
on SNL  
on the athletic training staff for the  
Boston Celtics  
on the big screen  
on the block disobeying the law  
On the block disobeying the law  
on the FoodNetwork  
On Wall Street  
out of Harvard Medical :)  
owning a cupcake shop  
paying off my my student loans  
Perched atop a pile of deflated  
egos  
picking up my insulin at the phar-  
macy  
radiantly happy  
relaxing in my big house, with my  
dreams fulfilled  
Rich and famous #fingerscrossed  
Richer, more successful, and insur-  
mountably more beautiful than  
Dominick Zheng  
riding around and getting it  
riding around and getting it  
Right. Back. Here.  
Rolling in dough  
running Charlestown as the next  
whitey  
seeing the world  
Selling my soul  
Selling my soul  
sexy, successful, and plain happy  
sipping pina coladas on a beach  
sitting around, watching TV, and  
binge eating

sitting courtside supporting my  
husband :)  
sitting poolside at my house in  
Puerto Rico  
six feet under  
smashing the state  
So far gone  
somewhere exotic  
still being a Townie  
still being a Yale feminist :)  
still being dirty  
still in Boston  
still in Dorchester  
still paying off my loans  
striving to duplicate Carrie Brad-  
shaw's life  
successful and happy  
successful, doing great things  
super beautiful and successful  
teaching at BLS  
teaching Demonism at Nov. U  
teaching foreign policy at BLS :)  
teaching in Southern Italy  
teaching my own students  
traveling  
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trolling in the deep  
trying to catch 'em all  
twisting l's to the dome in Dirty  
'Dale  
unmarried, happy, and successful  
wealthy, successful and happy  
where I'm supposed to be :)  
with a good job in the medical field  
with a well-paying job a husband,  
and child  
With Deady  
with success, love, and a family  
with Thomas Arlouskas tanning on  
Pen Island  
working as a chef in Las Vegas  
Working as a psychologist  
working at a Latin American em-  
bassy  
working for the CIA  
working hard  
working in a hospital as a pediatri-  
cian  
working in a pharmaceutical set-  
ting  
working in a retail pharmacy  
working my butt off  
you won't  
you won't, I'll be somewhere re-  
mote :)

Shayla Fullam

*Congratulations,*  
*great job! We are very*  
*proud of you.*

*Love, Mom & Dad*

Congratulations  
*to our daughter*

ROSE TREON!

We are so proud of you!

We love you!

*Love, Your family*

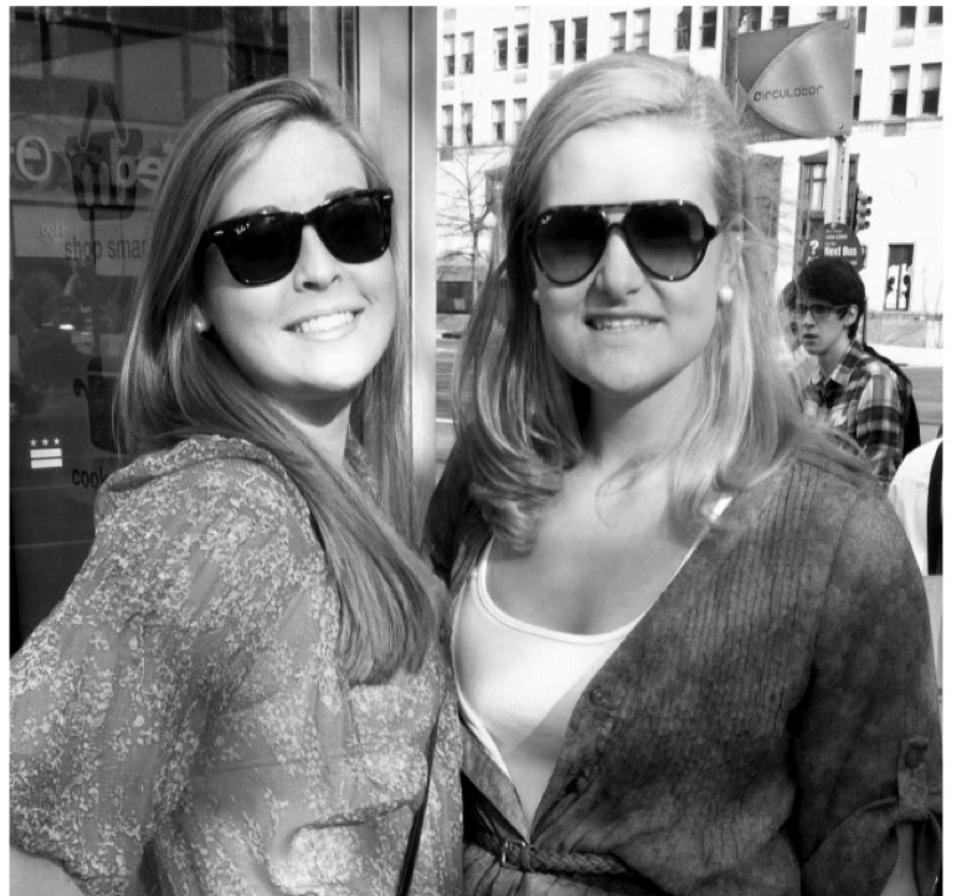
Congratulations  
MOLLY!



We couldn't be more proud of you! You have such a bright future ahead of you and we know you will succeed at everything you do. We are so blessed to have you as our daughter.

*Love,*  
*Mom & Dad*

# CONGRATULATIONS ON GRADUATION!



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&

NOW

**Best Friends Forever  
Claire & Rachel**

*Love from your families*

# EDITORS' FAREWELLS

## Editors-in-Chief

### *Bobby Fitzpatrick*

I can remember many of my Boston Latin memories so vividly that it's almost as if my whole Boston Latin career has taken place over the course of the past week. I remember elbowing a senior girl in the crotch (by mistake!) on my first day of seventh grade and feeling so embarrassed that I wanted to drop out of school. I remember putting on jeans before my 9th grade gym class just so I didn't have to publicly display my ineptitude for any sort of physical activity. I remember standing in front of Mr. Sanford and my whole English class during my terrible rendition of William Blake's "The Tyger", while my whole body was profusely sweating due to my fear of public speaking. I even remember dumpster diving in the most foul-smelling trash after Delia threw her cell phone away by mistake, though I try as hard as possible to forget it.

Looking back, it appears that the things I remember best about BLS are all terrible memories, but this is not true. I have had incredible memories at this school, and I have Argo to thank for many of them.

I wrote my first article for the newspaper's graduation edition of my sixie year. Though I was highly unqualified to write about the subject, I criticized Boston for having

such a poor nightlife: specifically, the trains not running all night long, therefore prohibiting people from being downtown past 1 am, and most places of interest (besides 711 and McDonald's) closing by 10 pm. Though that article was probably written terribly, the feeling I had when first seeing my name published in the Argo was one of belonging; for the first time, I didn't feel like a sixie that was ridiculed, carried a large backpack, and elbowed female anatomy, but an actual part of this new, huge high school that I was only just becoming familiar with.

In 9th grade I stopped simply being a contributing writer, but became a member of the Editorial Board. B. Kim and I were known as Editorial Board Associates (EBAs). Though we were the least significant members of the Argo (and treated as such) we were allowed to be a part of the construction process of the Argo that most people at BLS never get a chance to see. B. and I would watch as a room of 30+ people would all surround a maximum of 8 computers, listen to music, eat, and have the most absurd conversations, all whilst rushing to finish Argo by the Friday night deadline. This cramped and noisy room had been the liveliest social group I had ever seen at Boston

Latin School and I realized that I was so lucky to have found it. Since that first time at Production Week, Argo has constantly filled my life at BLS with amazing memories that I hope never to forget.

For example, one Friday night at Argo, Lucy Burke and I practiced self-defense techniques on each other and taught ourselves how to get out of a choke hold. Another time, Naomi Leonard found everyone's astrological charts online and translated them all to those who do not know what "Pisces in Venus" means. (Apparently I am very quiet to those for whom I have feelings.)

Though I remember all of these

great events and moments at BLS, I don't remember the most important things that have happened to me here. The changes that I made while at this school are not something I can recall in one vivid memory. I grew up here. I went from an average height twelve-year-old to a slightly-short-for-his-age eighteen-year-old. I went from a shy kid who was too afraid to strike a conversation with anyone to a guy who will talk to anyone and rarely runs out of things to say. And most obviously I went from a very overweight boy with such long hair and such a full figure that I looked like Rosie O'Donnell to a boy that looks like a boy.



## *Dominick Zheng*

Picture this: sixie Dominick stumbles into the Mac lab and nervously eyes a room full of upperclassmen typing, eating, and chatting loudly. He adjusts the bridge of his glasses anxiously as he opens the door. He takes a step inside. His palms are sweaty; knees weak; arms are heavy. Another step. His rolly bag feels heavier than ever. The gallon of gel on his Super Sayain hair is melting at an alarming rate. He takes a final step into the crowded room and clears his throat.

"Is this the Argo?"

To which he hears the response, "Yup! Are you a sixie? Come join Layout!"

And that's exactly what sixie Dominick did. Six years and eight inches later, senior Dominick is still lounging around the art wing. Now, on June 5, 2012, senior Dominick is making his final contribution to the Argo.

I'll stop referring to myself in the third person now out of the realization that I sound like a huge douche. The point is, the Argo has been a gigantic part of my life ever since the seventh grade, from my awkward prepubescent stage in sixie year to my awkward adolescent stage in my last few years at BLS. I would be lying if I said it's been an easy ride the whole way through. I've encountered my fair share of headaches, arguments, and growling stomachs in my last six years here. I think back to nearly every production weekend, where I would inevitably be working with the Layout team to beat the clock next to tight schedules filled with homework and projects. I am reminded by all of the Argo-related emails that dominate my inbox, a disturbing number of them written after one in the morning; but to let these things overshadow all of the amazing accomplishments we've had would be a huge injustice. We've dramatically shifted the Argo to focus on school-related and local news. We've even

won awards for our writing on McRib's. Can the Globe say that? I didn't think so. A newspaper might be an easy thing for readers to gloss over every day, but the staff here knows for a fact how much hard work, commitment, and patience it takes to produce a paper like this just once every two months. If it weren't for the Argo staff, I would be out of a job. It's all of the editors who make the Argo possible, and it's all of the editors who somehow manage to make our lack of sleep that much more bearable.

To the News section: with Alec on your team, you guys were able to hammer out your entire section in record speeds this year. I'm proud of you guys for being so receptive to the shifts in content we wanted to bring about in News. Your section had to make some of the most dramatic changes, but you all handled it like champs. Alice, thanks for writing all of those last-minute articles. You might be one of the youngest in the crew, but you were probably more mature and graceful than I was on any given day. Carlos, I know it was a busy year at the beginning for you, but thanks for hanging in there and staying dedicated all throughout. B., you kept me sane through all of junior year and stopped me from throwing myself into the Charles every production weekend. That, and thanks for doing the dancey dance with me.

To Jake Zhang in Science & Technology: great job with one of the most efficient sections in the Argo. Scitech might still be a baby compared to the other sections, but you're leading it in the right direction; I hope you keep coming up with creative ideas to make it better and better (though no thank yous for making me feel short.) Jessica Tang, thanks for being there and writing articles. They were good.

To Forum: just as we expected, you guys kept producing consistently strong and thought-provoking con-

tent. Forum was really self-sufficient this year, and that speaks to how well you all did with it. Naomi, thanks for telling me my hidden strengths and weaknesses and whether I'd be more compatible with earth signs or water signs. Maya, thanks for being an overall chill and really great person to work with. Katie, thanks for bringing your iPad to production week and making everyone else feel bad about themselves. You did a great job of keeping your section focused this year, and I'm confident that Forum will be amazing under your leadership next year.

To Arts & Entertainment: your section was actually terrible. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

I'm just kidding. Even though we ran into some deadline issues, they were minor compared to how much having you two around benefitted the Argo. Geraldine, your impressive levels of sassiness fueled the Argo every production week. Thanks for catching us when we said stupid things and making sure food was always on my computer screen. Lucy, sorry about throwing you into a trash can. Thanks for putting up with me and being a surprisingly good Instagram model. Having the two of you around really brightened my day up.

To Isaac Buck and Colin Murphy in Sports: great job being studs. You guys were so dependable that I can't think of a single time we had any major issues with your section.

To the production crew: you all worked behind the scenes but without you guys, there would be no paper. Anumita and Dan, the two of you were a dynamic duo. I don't know what you do down in the dungeon, but you need to tell next year's editors to keep doing it. Sreeja and Roger, you guys were always cooperative and really just a pleasure to work with. Roger, you make really fascinating facial expressions. Dante and Jaemin, thanks for being

devastatingly handsome and for taking National Geographic-worthy photos. Jack, you were always a trooper and we appreciate the effort you've put into filling everyone's requests. Zoe and Tammy, thank you both for being amazing human beings. I couldn't have asked for better people to take my place in Layout. I'm aware that you guys need to fill up extra space on this page, so please feel free to add compliments about yourselves after this sentence. And Jason Huang, thanks for showing up.

Nhu and Alec, this is it. It's your time to shine. You guys have already done me proud this year and now we hand the Argo over from one generation to the next. I'm more than confident that the Argo will be in good hands.

Ms. Moon, you really went above and beyond to make sure that the Argo was on track and running smoothly. Thanks for all of your support and guidance. Even though this was your first year as the Argo's faculty adviser, I'm excited to see the Argo rise to its full potential under you. Mr. Flynn, even though you weren't our official adviser this year, we still thank you for all of your helpful support. You are always welcome in Argo territory.

And of course, how could I forget? I'd like to thank Bobby... Brown, for making such great music; but more importantly, I'd like to thank Bobby Fitzpatrick for being the best co-Editor-in-Chief I could ask for. I didn't know what to expect before the year began, but I can safely say that I'm glad I got to spend it with you of all people.

Class of 2012, congratulations on graduating. I hope you enjoy our final issue of the Argo, and that when you open this paper ten years from now, you get a funny feeling in your stomach from all of the memories that we've made. I know I will.

# EDITORS' FAREWELLS

## News

*B. Kim*

In my 4 years at BLS, The Argo is probably the one thing which has never ceased to bring me so much stress, joy, angst, and excitement all at once. From (pretending to do) food-runs in freshman year with Bobby Fitzpatrick for the editors of the class of '09 to writing last-minute articles at 10:45 PM of Final Friday, I've gotta be honest--production week has essentially been the highlight of each month and the Final Fridays basically marked the height of my social life for the vast majority of my BLS career.

First, I've got to thank Mr. Flynn, for always being there and putting up with all of our poop, providing the best encouragement, and making my Argo experience infinitely better than what it could have been. And although you are no longer the advisor to the Argo, I will always look back so fondly

on all of the memories we've had with you in the art wing! Thank you to Ms. Moon for taking over, being so considerate, and keeping all of us check.

I'd also like to thank Queen Arsem-O'Malley, Chenglin Yuan, for being the all-around best Editors-in-Chief the Argo has ever seen, and Cynthia Wu, Caroline Draper, and Yukun Li for getting me so involved in the Argo and making it something so fun to be a part of. Next, is a thanks to Will Poff-Webster and his velvet glove for always motivating all of us to do our best and produce a great paper without ever having to compromise anybody's love and respect.

So, the news section is pretty much the supreme section of the Argo. I mean, it is a newspaper, isn't it? But it wouldn't have been the best section without its great

editors ;) ! This year certainly wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of Alec MacNeil, who's basically a superhero. Thank you, Alec, and I'm still indebted to you for always saving my life. Beverly Nguyen--I really couldn't have asked for a better partner to share Nutella milkshakes with, talk about life, and edit articles with. Thank you, Bev, for being so brilliant and beautiful and for always being the best friend I could ever ask for! Alice Xiao, as soon as I read your application to be News Editor last year, I immediately knew I wanted you to be the one to take my spot. I'm so happy to have met you and to have become friends, and to have had your profound help this year. I hope you'll love the job as much as I did.

Despite my generally outward lack of appreciation for the other

sections of the Argo, I admit to having an unusual affinity for the A&E section and its editors. Rachel Tripp, Lucy Burke, and Geraldine Vittini, you all have never failed to make my world a brighter place with your inspirational, hilarious, and insightful remarks. I will truly miss all of our long conversations in the photo lab!

I leave BLS and the Argo resting assured that everything has been passed onto good hands. Alec, as long as you keep doing what you're doing, the paper will really be something else. I have no doubt that you and Nhu will be forces to be reckoned with.

Finally, a thanks to Bobby for a friendship that transcends the ordinary with our beautiful history with this paper, and to Dominick Zheng for always being there to do the dancey-dance. Peace out, Argo. It's been real.

## Arts & Entertainment

*Lucy Burke*

First of all, this experience never would have happened if Will Poff-Webster hadn't made me write an article about the state of the union in tenth grade, hooking me, unwitting, into the Argo family. I want to thank Bobby and Dominick for being editors-in-chief, and I apologize for never listening to you and constantly flouting your authority. I'd like to thank B. Kim for teaching me everything I know, and for always having a travel-size bottle of Listerine mouthwash. I'd like to thank Carlos for being my co-assistant editor through thin and thin, and for making my terrible attendance look better than it was by comparison. I'd like to thank

Nhu for being capable of anything and for being secretly funny. I'd like to thank Barbara and Rachel for entrusting to us the best section; I still don't know how you made it through the year with no writers' list, bravo. I would like to thank deadlines for making my life miserable. I would like to thank the Longwood Medical Area's Boloco, although they really should be thanking Argo for keeping them in

business all these years. I would like to thank Panera for being a second home. I would like to thank Amelia for pushing so hard to have a food page - even though you failed, Geraldine will ensure that the dream lives on;

also, thank you for making me pasta to get me to write this. Thank you to Joey, for being the best EBA ever to grace Argo with your presence. I would like to thank CVS, for keeping the price of Arizona iced tea at 99¢. Never change. I would also like to thank Naomi and Maya for sharing those Arizona teas with me; thanks to Maya for writing many of the funniest articles Argo has ever seen and to Naomi for writing articles of a caliber that is far beyond any high school paper. Thanks to Ms. Pace for leading me into that room in the first place - I miss you and I think of you every time I smell vanilla acetic acid. I would like to thank Mr. Flynn for the pizza,

and for letting me complain about other teachers in front of him. I'd like to thank the two working computers in the art wing. Finally, Geraldine, from the moment I met you, I knew you were the person I wanted to spend the rest of my life at BLS with. So thanks for... everything. Because Arts and Entertainment is actually Geraldine's section, and all I did was put my name on the masthead and distract the real editor. I have nothing left to teach you. I thank the gods every night that you chose to put that "Mean Girls" quote on your application and that we were unprofessional enough to choose you for it. Feel free to hack my Facebook any time.

## Sports

*Isaac Buck*

I joined the Argo this year because it would look good on my college apps, a bunch of my friends do it, and I was asked to by last year's editors. While those may have been the reasons, one of the unforeseen outcomes was that I learned about BLS' sports teams. BLS is known as that prestigious Boston high school with the highest test scores. We are not known for our sports; but having to actually read all of the articles in the editing process has taught me that we have some other things to brag about. Our girls' volleyball, boys' basketball, boys' hockey, baseball, and softball teams have all made it to the state tournament this

year. Boys' and girls' swimming, wrestling, track, and tennis all sent members to their state competitions. BLS sports are good. The Dual County League is the toughest in the state and we are competitive in it year in, year out.

Being a member of sports teams at BLS has helped to keep me sane throughout these six years. Having an outlet that allowed me to forget about declensions, derivatives and declamations for just a few hours a day cannot be over-valued. So thank you to the parents, coaches, and especially my teammates who made that possible.

To the soccer team: best

of luck next year. JMills finally changed the formation so maybe you'll win some. To the swim team: it may take a few years to recover from the loss of such an amazing senior class, but hang in there. Good luck next year and keep the Stop & Shop runs to a minimum.

My mission this year was to have only school sports in the Argo. I figured that if someone wanted to read a mock NFL draft with in-depth analysis on each player, they could go to ESPN's website rather than reading what a sophomore staff writer juggling with three hours of homework thinks. Plus, who would report on

our school's sports if we didn't? I am proud to say that, aside from my one moment of weakness in including a preview of the Revolution's season, only school sports were included in the Argo this year.

To the Argo staff: thank you for helping me have some great, stressful, production weeks. We certainly had some good times on Final Fridays, eating pizza and getting locked out of the computer lab by angry janitors. I even learned that what copy does isn't always completely useless. Anyone out there who is considering joining the Argo even the slightest bit, do it. You won't regret it.

## Photo

*Dante Velasquez*

Chasing down sixies in the hallway, roaming the library for caucasian female sophomores, Dominick Zheng, Jaemin Woo. These are the things I will miss about Argo. This year has been a

blast. I'll always remember sitting on a roly chair in the computer lab in the art wing, adjusting photos until they were, as Goldilocks would put it, "just right". I'll always remember frolicking (yes,

frolicking) through the hallways snapping photos of kids who volunteered to answer a question that even I couldn't answer. "Just say yes or no, and give a reason," I would tell them. It has been amaz-

ing to work with a group of such hard working individuals, and I wish everyone the best. May Argo continue to be the most productive way to spend an afternoon. <3 + :), Dante Velasquez

# Photo

## Jack Tan

It's all over! After four long years of hard work, late nights, stressful days and last minute cramming, I am still at a loss for words as to how to describe this ending. Everything I did from the beginning of freshman year to the end of senior year has become an integral part of me and has been an unforgettable experience (well, maybe not the stress). But seriously, after all that we have endured, it has been especially tough for me to bid farewell to this chapter of my life after going through it for so long.

When I read my very first Argo back in the wee days of freshman year, I was immediately attracted to the captivating articles and the overall professionalism of the news-

paper. I have always had an interest in photography, so when I entered BLS, I thought to myself, "Why not make use of my awesome photography skills and contribute to a major publication?" This pushed me to sign up as a photography associate in 2010, and I have since gotten more and more fascinated with the Argo. As a photography editor, not only do I cherish all those awkward moments when we get hit with a sticky forum interview question or when we have one of THOSE photo requests where we just can't find anything, but I also cherish the people at the Argo. Whether it was Dominick chasing us down for photos or Tammy being crazily happy on "Final Friday," I am proud to say that we are not a

normal production line, but a family with a bond so strong that it is inseparable.

Something I will never forget about Photo is the management of carnation sales and spreading love around BLS back in February. As much work as it was to promote the sales and manage the hundreds upon hundreds of little pink slips, everyone did an excellent job working together. As the year drew to an end, I established myself as the person to lead the senior candid photo submission. Seniors, you know how many of those annoying emails I sent out to you. :D As much as you wanted to toss those emails into the trash, it was especially fun for me to get to know some of you better through

photography.

As I am sitting here writing this senior's farewell, it has finally hit me that this will be the very last thing contribution I will be making for the Argo. It has finally hit me that last week was the last week of actual photo editing for the Argo. So to all of you editors, thank you so much for all these wonderful memories. Thank you, Ms. Moon and Mr. Flynn, for supporting us throughout the years. And most of all, thank you BLS Argo for purely existing! To Jaemin, Alex, Angela and Samantha, welcome aboard Photo. And to all the other editors, get ready for your most amazing year ever. I LOVE YOU ALL and best of luck in wherever life takes you!

# Copy Editing

## Dan Mascoop

Dear people out there,  
This is a haiku for you.  
Specifically you.  
This is going to be in stream of consciousness form:  
Although what we are writing is just for you and being a copyeditor does not involve counting syllables (despite how neurotic people say we are). In fact, there are tons of neurotic people who try to put us down, who think that copyediting is just a bunch of anal teenagers who can't find the appropriate outlet, who just are wrong. We're never wrong. Writers get angry. At us. Other people get angry at us. Grammar, the foundation of our wonderful language, is the law. Copyeditors try as hard as possible to help others learn and follow the law. We're the

friendly language policemen of the world. Maybe friendly lifeguards. We don't want anyone to drown in the overwhelming waves of English. Some of us even hate English. We'd much rather eat chocolate and read Swahili. We excitedly wait for associates to return with Doritos and Bertucci's rolls and other yummy food. We talk to them while we eat. And edit articles. This is just an introduction to our section.

Now that this is getting sort of boring and I need to write 500 words (but that's not going to happen), I will say my farewell to you all. I have enjoyed my years here at the Argo in the copyediting section so much. There is no other section that is as large or interesting or fun as we are. We even get to read all the articles

before anyone else can. I think that's what made me interested in the first place. And the grammar. I actually liked Latin, and despite what we aren't taught, English does have grammar and similar structures and forms. It could even be like a puzzle, if you care to think of it that way.

I want to especially say thanks, goodbye and I love you to Anumita, Sreeja and Roger, because they are the best co-copyediting people in the world. And they're really smart and nice and great people. So are all the other copyeditors. We've had tons of fun doing what we did to support and help the Argo be as great as it is.

So I don't really know if this should've been that sentimental or anything, but it might have turned out that way? Since that was a ques-

tion, you can answer it for yourself.

If you are still around and stuck at school, please stop by our section. I'm sure our copyediting slaves (I mean minions, actually associates) would love your company in the dungeon (I mean basement or actually Argo production center). You could join or help out or just eat food (although that's not allowed).

This is another haiku:  
So Goodbye, Argo.  
You'll do really really great!  
I'll miss you. Have fun!

Just like whoever is actually reading this still at this point should, I'll try to stop by and say hi once in a while. (If you've read up to this point, you've clearly shown the commitment to follow through on that.)

# Anumita Das

Okay then, Dan. Thank you. I'll miss you too.

My turn! First of all, I'd like to say that I love all of you—every single one of you. These past three years have been amazing. I couldn't have worked with a more awesome, more enthusiastic and more incredible copy staff. Your eagerness for copy editing brings smiles to our faces (at least it does to mine). When I am wrinkly in old age, I will fondly reminisce about our times together: the groups of five people clustering around single computers, arguing over serial commas, abbreviations, punctuation, clauses and sentence structure, the 50 hands shooting up following the

arrival of a new article in the copy email (which everyone knows the password to despite our efforts to be clandestine) and the subsequent shouts of "Pick us! Pick us!", the food runs organized by our zealous underclassmen, the mysterious Evil Bunny, the rolling chairs, the thousands of carnations on Valentines Day, the cheesy pick-up lines, the hours spent waiting for articles, the awesome discussions, the sign-in sheets, the copy bible that all of you have come to love so dearly, the pizza feasts on Final Fridays and the copy emails that start with "Greetings" and end with "Love."

Now that I have sealed these precious memories in my mind in

preparation for old age, I think I'm ready for the thank-yous, so here goes. Thank you Daniel, my co-copyeditor (I did that one just for you!) for tolerating my stubbornness and arguing with me over grammar. Thank you Sreeja and Roger for always being loveable, reliable and dedicated. Thank you Editors-in-Chief Bobby and Dominick for keeping the Argo together on track and making sure we don't crumble into a ghastly mess. Thank you Sports section for teaching me that the DCL is the Dual County League and the AFC is the American Football Conference and for tolerating my sports illiteracy. Thank you News, A&E, and Forum

for sending us interesting articles to read and edit. Thank you Layout (shout out to Zoe and Tammy!) for sacrificing your beauty sleep and diligently spending hours of the day and night laying out this beautiful newspaper. Thank you Ms. Moon and Mr. Flynn for supervising us and providing us with sustenance and libation on Final Fridays for these past several years. Thank you Boston Latin School for taking the time to read the Argo.

I will miss all of you. I know you will be in good hands with our new copy editors next year, Pooja, Chidimma, Maggie, and Isabella. Good luck to all of you next year. I love you all!

# Sreeja Kalapurakkal

Working for the Argo for the past three years has been an absolute pleasure. So many fond memories of Argo production week and the craziness that encompassed it will be ingrained in my heart forever. Copy Editing is an especially lively and enthusiastic section of the paper and contains the greatest number of associates of all the sections.

To my Copy Editing family: thanks for putting up with me for the past couple of years! You all made every Argo production week a memorable and fun experience. Don't forget everything you have

learned! No serial commas, numbers less than ten should be written out, long pieces of work should be italicized and quotation marks for short ones should suffice. You all will be incredible upperclassmen and crazy grammar freaks by the time you're done with high school. Remember that posterity looks to you for wisdom and guidance—I am sure you won't fail them.

To my fellow Copy Editors Dan, Anumita, and Roger: thank you for being outstanding in your positions and for being wonderful friends. Copy Editing would not have

been as fun and exciting without you all! That goes for all Class of 2012 Argo editors: Bobby and Dom (you both were awesome EICs), B., Carlos, Naomi, Maya, Lucy, Isaac, Colin, Zoe, Tammy, Jason, Vanessa, Dante and Jack. Working with you all and having fun during pizza parties are some of the best memories I have of BLS.

To our successors, Copy Editors Pooja, Chidimma, Maggie and Isabella: Congratulations! Make next year's issues of the Argo completely error-free! I know that you all will do a fantastic job.

To the reader not involved in Argo: as you can see, Argo is one huge family. We practically live at school during Argo production week, sustained and nourished by our faculty adviser with pizza every Friday night when the rest of school is deserted. Argo is perhaps one of the most fun and friendly clubs this school has to offer. If you enjoy writing and correcting the grammar of others, join Copy! We are the biggest and best section of the Argo! Farewell, my fellow Argo friends! May happiness and good fortune follow all of you wherever you go!

# EDITORS’ FAREWELLS

## Layout

### Zoe Li

You know, the good thing about being part of the production staff is that you don’t have to ever write anything for the newspaper—you either sit around making fun of other peoples’ run-on sentences (looking at you, Copy) or you laugh maniacally as you strip photos of their colorful joy (I know you do, Photo, I know you do) or you blockify said articles and photos into atrociously perfect columns (guilty).

Well, oops.

So here I sit, like the BLS student I am/was, typing up my editor farewell ten minutes before the deadline (just kidding, twenty minutes before the deadline), wondering how I’m going to come up with 500 words worth of “thank god it’s all over btw I’ll miss you kthnxbye.” Since Dom said I can’t do CTRL + V, I figured I might as well do this individually.

Actually, before that, I have to insert some text.

Now I actually had this farewell finished three days ago. The reason I’m editing it now, despite having gotten absolutely NO SLEEP AT ALL for the past

TWENTY SEVEN HOURS, is because I am once again faced with the classical dilemma of the layout team: Missing or late articles.

Since no one but Argo people actually read these editors’ farewells, here’s something I’d like to say to you future editors and writers out there: GET IT IN ON TIME. You may be able to miss your deadline and get away with it just fine, but if layout misses our deadline, the Argo doesn’t get published. Whenever you send in something late, we’re the ones who contemplate suicide. So please, if you have any respect for your peers and this newspaper, meet your deadlines.

Anyway. Time to move on to nicer things.

Despite my burning desire to hunt down half the Argo staff and throw them off the closest Empire State Building right now, it wasn’t all bad. Being a part of the newspaper staff has taught me so much that I wouldn’t have learned otherwise—from how to eat food with two hands on the keyboard to how to function with no sleep for an entire week. I heard this stuff

is very useful in college.

But now that I have filled up enough space, allow me to segue back to my original farewell—the individual shoutouts:

First and foremost to the pair that led us through the year, Dobby Fitzheng: Finally, someone who understands from first-hand experience the painful plight that is laying out the Argo at 3 AM on a Monday morning with 5 hours of weekend homework left to do!! And Bobby, you’re an omnipotent he-wolf deity for keeping us sane. Boys, I couldn’t have asked for a better pair of EICs.

To all my co-editors: Thanks for getting your articles in on time so layout can actually sleep on weekends. No, really. But regardless of how zombie-like layout became over the course of the year, we loved every pain-filled production week with you guys. Well, most of it. Some of it. Seriously, though, you’re all amazing people I’m proud to have worked with, even if doing so shortened my lifespan.

To my staff: Abby and Thuy, I’m so sorry. Please don’t kill me when your editorship strips you of all semblance of san-

ity next year. Remember, I’m only a few hundred miles and a fake phone number away! Anna, Alice, I know your official title is “Assistant Layout Editor,” but you know your real job is sanity control, right? Michelle, Christine, Casey, and everyone else, I leave the hospital bills to you.

To Rosy, Roseanna, Vanessa, my wonderful fellow graduates, thank you for four years of pizza dinners, chair escapades and midnight car rides.

To Jason Huang: Thanks for showing up.

To Kevin and Harry: Don’t you wish you were on layout instead of copy so I could actually say something meaningful to you?

To my dearest Argo editor sisters, Tammy and Anumita: I don’t even know what to say to you guys, and that’s partly because I’m reaching my word count and time limit and as former layout editor, I take this stuff very seriously. So here are three classic words that say it all: I love you.

It’s been an interesting four years. Thanks, everyone, for all of it.

### Tammy Wu

After everything this year we have been through this year, right now, I am really proud of two things: 1. how much my crew of zombies (we stayed in school until 9 on Fridays!) have bonded and learned to carry on their master’s editing powers and 2. finishing all seasons, including the latest one, of Avatar: The Last Airbender (no, not the movie, ew!) in three days. Yup, I know that is unhealthy - but unfortunately, given the limited amount of space I have to fill with love for my minions and co-editor, I must focus more on the first accomplishment.

As a sixie, I have no idea what I did when I returned home at 3:00pm every day. Looking back, I think it is a circumstance so impossible that it feels more like a hallucination than a real event. How was I able to go home so early and so often? That would mean my life was without Argo! My time with this newspaper has been so long, priceless, and so fulfilling, that every time I conjure up BLS memories, it is permeated with Argo and love. No amount of cute, fluffy bunnies can express the warmth that possesses my heart when I look back at my

adventures in this school.

Abby, Thuy, Alice, and Anna: I want to congratulate and thank you all for taking on such big roles as new editors. I know you both love and hate us for giving you the positions since they are an honor, but are also attached to great sacrifices of time and big responsibilities. Other than all the advice I have handed down to you this year, I leave one more to you four: make sure you avoid really early freshman 15 when you get to order people around for food runs! Christine, Clare, Kim, Marissa, Michelle, and

Vanessa, thank you so much for your commitment these ten months. Believe me, it was absolutely endearing to see the younger generation dedicate themselves to applying what they learned from me only 5 minutes ago! Lastly, Zoe Li, I finally mention you because I know you will become the world’s supreme ruler one day so I want to make sure I stay in your mind for a room in your mansion :). I LOVE YOU GUYS!!!

I charge you all to expand the layout section next year and not forget to have fun! Yolo.

# Congratulations Editors,

# Class of 2012!!!

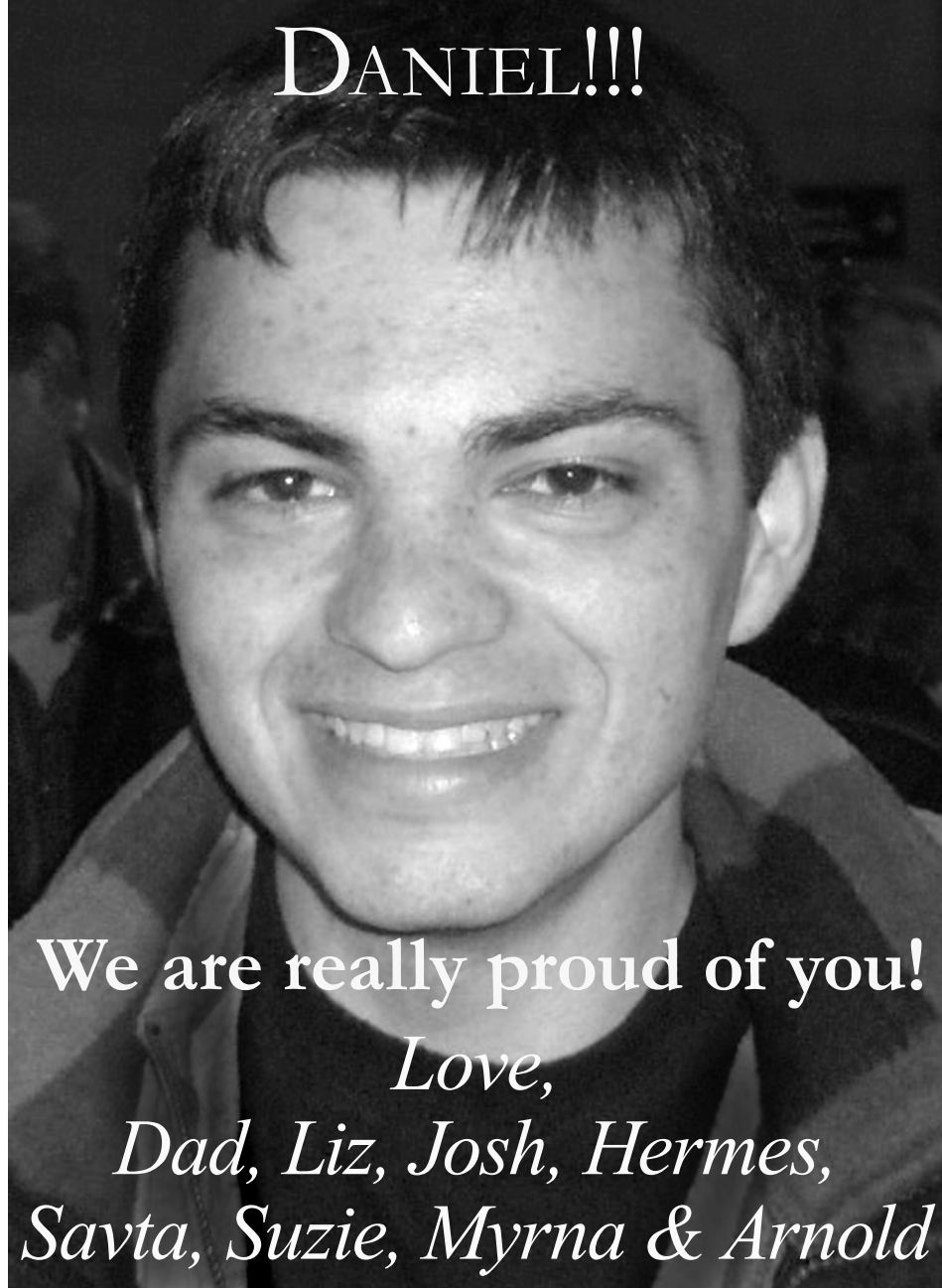
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now fly away.

May the force be with you.

*We love you all <3*

*Especially Zoe and Tammy!*

CONGRATULATIONS  
DANIEL!!!



MAYA  
CONGRATULATIONS,  
You made it!  
We are so proud of you!  
*Love, Dad & Mom*

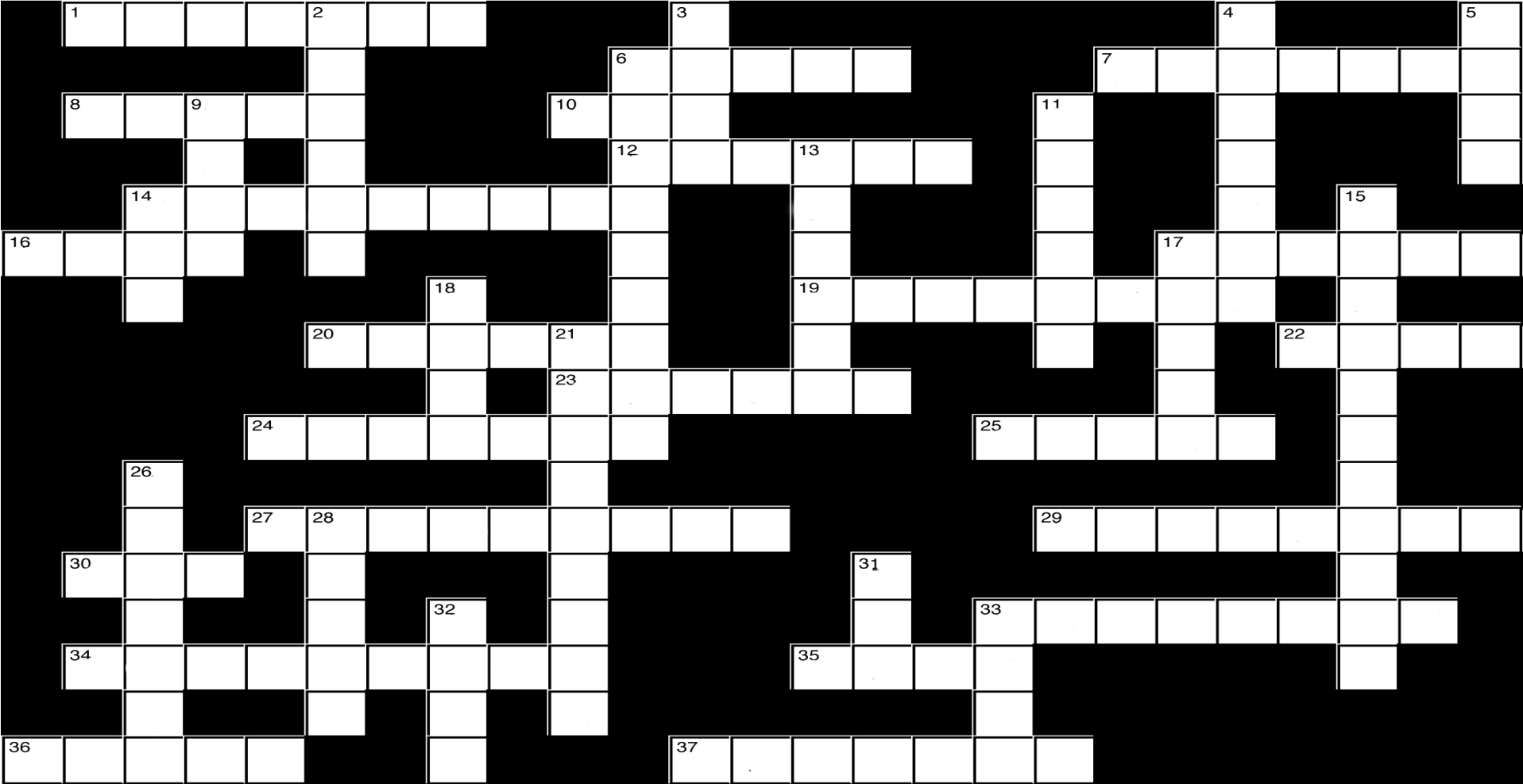
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CARLOS ROJAS  
SENIOR CLASS  
REPRESENTATIVE  
CLASS OF 2012

CONGRATULATIONS, ROGER!

Job well done!  
We are proud  
of you!



*Love from Mom, Dad,  
and Grandma*



Across

1. “Louisiana! Fast!”, also known for their biscuits  
6. Sassy black woman played by a sassy black man; matriarch of family reunions  
7. BLS Chemistry teacher that won that award  
8. The Forest Moon of \_\_\_\_\_  
10. Protects the environment one sleeve at a time;  
12. He said, “Mr. Gorbachev, you tear down that wall!”  
14. The gateway to the West in Risk  
16. “BUTTER, Y’ALL!”  
17. What she ordah?  
19. Fat \_\_\_\_\_ Girls, you make the rockin’ world go round  
20. The CORRECT Internet browser  
22. GET IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ WITH NICOLAS

23. Helga’s mortal enemy and truest love; popular Nickelodeon program  
24. Famous Canadian coffee shop  
25. Lords of Winterfell; greatest TV family ever  
27. (adj): self-assertive or proud to an irritating degree  
29. Capital of Democratic Republic of Congo  
30. Frosted tips never looked so good; Host of Triple D  
33. Precalculus teacher; He is most certainly qualified  
34. Pokemon Number 1  
35. The APUSH boss of Room 123  
36. Former Spanish teacher, now a zealous security guard  
37. Largest lake in the world

Down

2. “Alas, poor \_\_\_\_! I knew him, Horatio...”  
3. He heard it “...Through the Grapevine”  
4. (adj): Opposite of erect; lacking force  
5. Wise Hawaiian from Rocket Power  
6. I solemnly swear I am up to no good  
9. The original “Rebel Without A Cause”  
11. Giant fire demon of Tolkien lore; He did not pass  
13. (v): To run or jump about playfully  
14. orange soda addict of Nickelodeon in the 90’s

15. Capital of Mongolia  
17. The largest bone in the body  
18. Host of the classic television program Rock of Love  
21. Mythical creature with head of a man, body of a man, and the tail of a scorpion  
26. Peppery greens typically used in salads  
28. German submarines used in WWII  
31. Senior VP  
32. Rub my \_\_\_\_\_ for three wishes  
33. Professor of Thuganomics; also WWE

Sudokus

Easy

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Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19)

You will find true love. The shady man you have been checking out will finally approach you and sweet, sweet love will ensue. All will be fabulous, until a superglue incident that will most definitely occur.

Taurus (4/20-5/20)

You will soon come into a large sum of money from your recently deceased great-uncle Robbie, who doesn’t get invited to family functions anymore because of that one incident. You, however, must spend all of it on flamed bowling shirts and ambands #MONEY.

Gemini (5/21-6/20)

Your key planet, Mercury, aligns with sexy Venus in your sign, making this your time to move your thoughts out of your head and into your heart. You are now ready to take an emotional risk. Go ahead, date an ex-con. True love cares not about shiv scars.

Cancer (6/21-7/22)

We know that you’re feeling those hormones right about now, school really is hard, but worry not! Fake tans and Axe cannot hide your true talent. Be weary, however, someone, cough a Capricorn cough, is out to get you. Watch your back, babe, and keep on trucking.

Leo (7/23-8/22)

Tread with caution, fair Leos! Danger is around every corner, and this month is going to be dangerous. Watch out for ninjas, mullets and men named Chet; they all bring you doom. Worry not: while defending yourself, you will uncover a new talent for knife juggling and a lively circus career will follow.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)

You will redefine the term “Born-again Christian” this weekend, so I encourage you to think with your head. CAN I GET AN AMEN?!

Libra (9/23-10/23)

You have a passion for baked goods, but beware. A short and mysterious woman will ruin your business as you will be expelled from the inner circle of baking. As Uranus is in the house of the Big Dipper, you can hope for a new romance to bud amidst this turmoil.

Scorpio (10/24-11/22)

You are the diamond in the eyes of the gods. Almighty Thor will praise your brawn, Hermes will be stunned by your wit and Slyther the Executive Producer will be amazed by your talent to embrace the heart of the cards. ALL HAIL, SCORPIO! YOUR TIME OF THE MONTH HAS COME, GO FORTH!

Sagittarius (11/23-12/21)

An expedition to the heart of the frozen and desolate Wall of the North will bring out your basic animal instincts and your desire to hunt for the soft flesh of the Great Northern Beavers will only surge.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

Remember to floss, because dental hygiene is next to godliness. The blood means you’re doing it right. Remember toothpaste is not a replacement for dinner, so eat your broccoli. Tread carefully because your teeth may fall out and you will have to swallow everything.

Aquarius (1/20-2/19)

Your life is a wheel in motion. Once you get going you are hard to stop. Be careful and watch out for oncoming traffic, because sometimes life can throw things at you. Hit the brakes, but never just the front ones because you might go flying. Keep up the momentum!

Pisces (2/20-3/20)

You will eat a meal in the near future that will cause you to have to contact a plumber. Always keep a diaper nearby and the toilet paper closer. Watch out for that spatter-butt.

# Putting the “Imp” in Pimpin’

BY **STEPHEN ZOULALIAN, II**  
& **GERALDINE VITINI, II**  
A&E EDITORS

So many have dissed the fantasy genre as a dorky escape for basement dwellers, and as a genre that has exhausted its potential. Game of Thrones, adapted from George R.R. Martin’s weighty novel A Song of Fire and Ice, is anything but expected.

Once you begin watching an episode of the acclaimed program, you will have not only watched every episode of Game of Thrones at least twice, but also devoured the many bonus features on the HBO website. Yes, we are addicted to Game of Thrones and you should be too. The second season of this amazing show has not yet had a boring episode. The characters are well-developed and resonant, and its plot has yet to see a single fault. I am invested in all of the characters and the writers have not let us down. Tyrion “The Imp” Lannister, who is portrayed by Peter Dinklage, is probably the best character on the show. His witty remarks and clever attitude are what make each of his scenes so captivating. Countless articles could be written about The Imp’s magnificence, but there are other characters that deserve to be featured more often on the show.

Jon Snow’s northern adventures went from being a mid-season bore to one of the most exciting plot lines in the show. The whole group dynamic that consumed the first four episodes made Jon Snow’s story feel unimportant. He had become just another member of the Night’s Watch. We had completely forgotten that he was the heroic bastard of Ned Stark. This all changed when Jon went off on a daring reconnaissance mission. There

he met Ygritte, the red-headed wildling vixen. She added the perfect amount of depth and intrigue that this previously pedestrian story line was missing.

The other character that we would like to see more of is the white-blond Daenerys Targaryen, the true heir to the Iron Throne. She plays the role of a protective mother (of dragons) as well as the Khalessi, or Queen, of a Dothraki tribe perfectly, and it does not hurt that she is really easy on the eyes. She needs to be on the screen more often in subsequent episodes. Her dragons look ferociously real, and at the moment, Quarth looks to be the greatest city that ever was or ever will be. Her story line has us the most frustrated. We want her to succeed, but her lack of common sense is mind-numbing.

One characteristic that distinguishes Game of

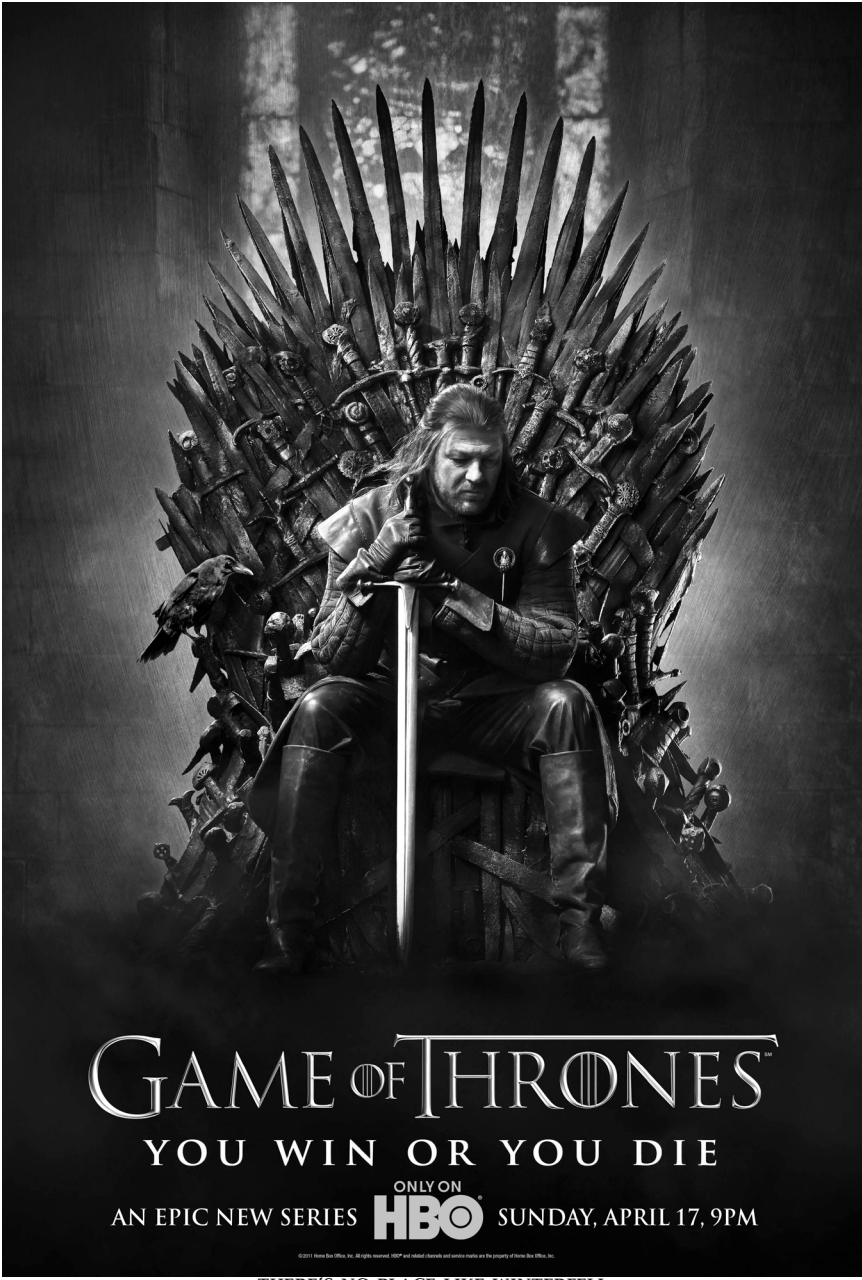
Thrones fans from any other fandom is the collective fury towards Joffrey Baratheon, whose violent death has been planned by

viewers more than any antagonist’s of any program in television history. Spawned from the most twisted coupling ever, this teenaged Son of Satan abuses his power in ways that inspire not just intense loathing, but real fear as well. His interactions with the other characters redefine villainy, and yet he is a big part in making each episode so memorable.

Until recently, Game of Thrones has been severely lacking in the blood-and-gore battles department. Sometimes an audience just wants to see people bashing each other’s skulls in. In previous episodes, the epic battle scenes have always faded to black. This is not the case with episode 19, entitled “Blackwater”. I applaud the writers for devoting a whole episode to this battle. It was on the same level as the battle of Minas Tirith. Our desire for blood was fulfilled. Now, let the character development proceed.

Game of Thrones is a must-watch for any television enthusiast. The acting and writing are phenomenal and so far the second season has not disappointed anyone. Game of Thrones airs every Sunday night at 9 P.M.. Be sure to not miss out on arguably the best show on television.

You will not know how satisfying it is to scream “KING OF THE NORTH!” in the hallways until you watch Game of Thrones.



# A Fairy-tale of a Musical

BY **OONA CULLEN, II**  
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

It is that time of the year again: BLS’s annual musical is here! This year, the production is Stephen Sondheim’s Into the Woods, a darkly humorous take on the fairy tales we all know and love. The story follows The Baker and The Baker’s wife, played by Will Osborn (III) and Brianna Nobles (II), who desperately want a child. The Witch, played by Aurelia Paquette (II), however, has put a curse on their family. In order to reverse the curse, The Baker and his wife must go on a quest through the woods to help fulfill the wish of The Witch: the return of her youth and beauty. Cinderella, played by Lissi Velasquez-Cross (III), only wants to go to The Prince’s festival, but is prevented at every turn by her wicked Stepmother, played by Kristina Riccio (I). Rapunzel, played by Caitlynn McGaff (II), only wants to be rescued from her tower. In turn, Cinderella’s Prince and Rapunzel’s Prince, played by Kevin Mayer (II) and Joe Sheehan (II), each wants his respective princess, who is just slightly out of his reach. “Agony,” a song about their ordeal, is a highlight of the play. Little Red Riding Hood, played by Emily White (I), only wants to bring some bread to her grandmother, played by Anna Schuliger (IV), but ends up in a sticky situation with the Wolf, played by David Hines (I). Jack, played by Aidan Smith (VI)

, only wants to keep his cow Milky White, played by Gus Vivieros (V), but Jack’s mother, played by Gwen Paradis (II), only wants to sell the cow so that they can continue to survive. Every character’s

musical to come alive before the audience’s eyes. The star of the set was the innovative use of two rolling and reversible set pieces, which on one side portray The Baker’s cottage and Cinderella’s

in the play. The makeup for The Wolf and The Witch and the design of Rapunzel’s wig and the imaginatively twiggy hair of the Mysterious Man, played by Matt Pitts (I), are certainly sights to be seen. Anya Smith (II) and Carmen DeCristofaro (I) are certainly artists. The often unnoticed but vitally important parts of any play were the lights and sound design, done by Alex LeGendre (I) and Nora Hill (III).

BLS theatre has truly hit another home run with this musical. Although the musical is pretty long (three whole hours), the audience is gripped in every minute of it. The complex and interweaving story lines, which have the potential to become muddled and confusing, work smoothly thanks to the excellent acting and great musical abilities of not only the actors, but also of the wildly important participation of the live Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Pitts and Mr. Snyder. The use of a live pit band adds so much to the production and it should certainly not be undervalued. This musical certainly would not have been the same without the beautiful music contributed by the BLS orchestra and band. Into the Woods was yet another great production by the BLS theatre and was certainly worth seeing.



OVER THE WOODS AND THROUGH THE BLACK BOX

story intertwines in the first act, and then comes crashing down spectacularly in the second.

Another important aspect of the musical was the beautiful sets, costumes, props, hair/makeup design and of course, the lighting and sound design. The sets were designed and executed by Hannah Sears (I), Rose Gallogly (I) and Sadia Bies (II). The imaginative sets allowed the

fireplace, and on the opposite side the trees for the forest scenes. Rapunzel’s tower is also an excellent and ingenious addition to the set, placed high above the scene and adding a true air of fairy-tale to the musical. The costumes were organized and executed by Velasquez-Cross, who managed to organize costumes for a huge cast of complex and important characters, while being a main character

# A & E

## A Hulk-SMASHING Good Time

By **KERRY LYDON, II**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I am by no means the biggest reader of superhero comics, but even I have heard of Marvel's first-rate movie adaptations—X-Men, Spiderman trilogies and the most recent chain of superhero movies starring iconic Marvel heroes such as The Hulk, Ironman, Captain America and Thor. The stand-alone movies are the personal stories of each hero and are cleverly sprinkled throughout with webs of subplot. All of these come together in a movie complete with developed characters and an uncomplicated goal: The Avengers.

The Avengers begins after the ending of Thor, in which the hero's adopted brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston) falls into an abyss. The mood is ominous as Loki looms threateningly in his antler-helmet, making shady deals in dark dimensions to receive backing from alien life forms. On Earth, eye-patched Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) of Strategic Hazard Intervention Espionage Logistics Directorate (S.H.I.E.L.D.) contemplates the odd behavior of the Tesseract, a magical, glowing blue cube. Loki proceeds to steal and use the Tesseract to wreak havoc on Earth, leading Fury to call the Avengers Initiative together.

Mildly put, the Avengers Initiative is a team composed of "gifted" people who are all very powerful and very different. So different, in fact, that when they first came together, I had doubts as to how this motley crew was going to save the planet when they seemed preoccupied with severe in-team fighting. Captain America, the super-soldier who brought a plane down in the Arctic to save the world during WWII (something our US History teachers fail to mention), the immature, sarcastic, self-absorbed genius known as Tony Stark or "Ironman" (Robert Downey, Jr.), an Asgardian god, Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and a mild-mannered scientist, Bruce Banner (Mark Ruffalo), who doubles as an angry green giant, become the perfect combination in an imperfect super-team.

What makes this movie interesting to me is the character complexity. Thanks to the preceding movies, we understand most of the characters' motives (except those of Nick Fury—but that is the awesomeness of Nick Fury). As a viewer, I was able to distinguish certain qualities in the characters. For instance, Thor, while playing at times the stereotype of a "dumb jock," is extremely loyal and just. Because he will also do what he must for the good of all, he gives Loki a second and even a third chance to turn back and

go home with him, even when he clearly does not deserve it. That said, I feel bad for both parties: Loki only wants to be noticed next to his powerful brother, and Thor is fighting a losing battle to win his brother back.



While Bruce Banner (a.k.a. "The Incredible Hulk") may have undergone an actor change which confused me for a good five minutes (Wait, what happened

to Edward Norton?), his character still visibly undergoes an inner battle to reconcile his desire not to hurt anyone with his raging alter-ego. Even Tony Stark matures a little bit, becoming less self-centered and eventually making a significant (and, more importantly, selfless) sacrifice near the end of the movie. We also have former-assassin-turned-S.H.I.E.L.D.-agent Natasha Romanov (Scarlet Johanson), working as a handler of sorts for the team, while also actively taking part in operations. Though she is not as "super-powered," she can easily hold her own with the other Avengers in intelligence and physical agility. Mix all of these characters together, and you have a delicious pot of awesome.

Taking into account that it is a great movie, it comes as no surprise to me that The Avengers made more than \$200 million the first weekend alone. It has grossed a total of 1.2 billion dollars and broken more than a dozen records so far—and it has not even left theaters yet. I have said before that I am by no means the biggest comic fan, but I find it impossible to dislike The Avengers in any way. The characters are interesting, the actors act well, and the simplicity of the plot work seamlessly to make this a thoroughly enjoyable movie.

## Hungry, Hungry Hipsters

By **MEGAN GILLIS, II**  
& **CLARE VALLELY, II**  
STAFF WRITER & CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Opened in March by the owner of the upscale restaurant Ten Tables, Grass Fed is rapidly becoming the quintessential hipster spot in Jamaica Plain. It serves mainly gourmet burgers (made of only grass-fed beef) with a selection of other options, including delectably creamy milkshakes and hand cut french fries salted to perfection.

The juicy burgers overwhelm your taste buds with the very first bite, and the cheese-to-burger-to-bun ratio is flawless. Grass Fed has an abundance of specialty burger choices like the Cali burger, which contains red onion, avocado, jack cheese and aioli (a mayonnaise-like condiment).

Things get even more exotic with the Chickpea Burger, Grass Fed's vegetarian option, the seafood lover's perfect burger, the Oyster Burger, and the sin-

fully decadent Blue Devil burger. The Blue Devil is stuffed with blue cheese, bacon and fried onions. You really can't go wrong with any of Grass Fed's choices.

Every hidden gem, however, must have a rough spot. A burger here will run



you around nine dollars, and each additional topping is an extra \$0.50. Fries or onion rings cost extra as well. This can add up to a costly meal, but the steep pricing is well offset by Grass Fed's hefty serving sizes and superb quality.

The restaurant itself is situated in extremely tight quarters, so on a busy night, it is nearly impossible to find a seat.

With just two bar areas along the windows and one long counter in the center, there aren't many seats available. Don't expect to be waited on at Grass Fed; the service consists of ordering at the cash register and waiting 20 minutes or so to have your name called out, which can seriously impede your Grass Fed experience.

Many ingredients at the restaurant come from local sources: hamburger buns come from JP's own Blue Frog Bakery, the ice cream in the milkshakes is brought to you by JP Licks and local beers and meat are served as well.

Let's not forget to mention that Grass Fed has a nice big flat screen high up on a wall, usually showing crowd favorites like the Food Network—extremely appropriate considering the locale.

Grass Fed not only provides tasty burgers to hungry customers, but it also gives Jamaica Plain's residents a trendy hotspot where anyone can be social but-terflies, interacting with other diners and

Grass Fed's friendly staff.

Indeed, after already being open for several months, the restaurant continues to be all the rage, filling up night after night. The popular venue has so much to offer besides burgers, from appetizers to salads to beet fries! We had the time of our lives when we journeyed to Grass Fed. While we were a little outraged by the prices (shouldn't there be a student discount?!) and saddened at having to pay extra for french fries, our palates were inevitably satisfied, and the experience was extremely memorable.

Located right in the heart of Jamaica Plain on the corner of Centre and Pond Street, Grass Fed is a great place to go if you're craving a unique burger. There is nothing else quite like it in the JP scene. Even with popular places like the Real Deal and Purple Cactus so close by, people enjoy the lively atmosphere of this one-of-a-kind burger joint, and you will too.

## GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

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2012 has certainly been the year for women in comedy. The release of Bridesmaids this past summer with hilarious performances by Melissa McCartney and Kristen Wiig definitely set the bar very high for actresses this year, but I think it is more than fair to say that the GIRLS are back and are better than ever. HBO's new show GIRLS, only on its seventh episode, has already made a name for itself. As a guilty pleasure of mine, it is the only show I have seen on television that is not afraid to be completely honest about life and growing up. And do not worry—this show is not another chick dramedy like the ones on The CW and ABC Family. The plot is just as appealing and funny for guys. In fact, I know more guys who watch this show than girls.

Airing every Sunday at 10:30 P.M., GIRLS follows the lives of four women just out of college as they try to navigate

through the reality of the adult world. In the pilot episode, Hannah, played by the writer and director of the show, Lena Dunham, is told by her parents that they will no longer be supporting her financially. Hannah, who moved to New York City to become a writer, begins her desperate search for a job while her roommate Marnie, the only character whose life is, in the loosest sense, "put together," deals with her overwhelmingly boring boyfriend who just cannot seem to "excite" her like he used to. That is only the beginning. Each episode is filled with hilarious commentaries on sex, relationships, money and expectation. GIRLS is truly the inner workings of the female mind: honest, blatant and out there for the first time.

Since its premiere, GIRLS has received a lot of notoriety for its graphic and raunchy sex scenes and its racy plot line, but HBO has never been afraid to push the envelope. In the case of GIRLS, it is the unpolished and candid script that

makes this show so great. Producer Judd Apatow, who has directed movies such as Knocked Up, Bridesmaids and The 40-Year Old Virgin is no stranger to dirty comedy, so it is no surprise that he chose a project like GIRLS.

In episode two, "Vagina Panic," Hannah, Marnie, Jessa and Shoshanna (the titular girls) go to an abortion clinic together because Jessa thinks she is pregnant and Hannah wants to get tested for an STD. While most shows would turn a situation like this into "let's all cry and learn a valuable lesson about life," Dunham uses this potentially cliché opportunity to enable these characters to make someone else's pains their own anxieties. "I am always looking for opportunities for the girls to sort of express their own insecurities without doing it too overtly," Dunham has said about writing the series. She is not scared to write about the things that most people find uncomfortable to talk about even though everyone is thinking about them.

At first glance, each of the girls seem to represent a different stereotype: slut, virgin, pretty girl and hipster. Though it may be easy to label them, they are all just quirky girls trying to navigate through life while making that awkward and difficult transition from kid to adult.

GIRLS will continue to cause controversy and catch the attention of many. Though it is still in its first season, I am sure that there will be much more to follow. People will just have to get over the fact that women are not afraid to be honest about sex and relationships. No other show on television will make you laugh hysterically and then make you feel completely uncomfortable five minutes later. It is one of the most authentic shows on TV right now. Whether you can relate to these characters or not, you will not be able to watch this show without acknowledging its insane ability to perfectly mimic the awkwardness of human interaction.

